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A Santa Fe freight train was wrecked on the lower end of the switch last Friday morning. No one hurt.

J. Allen, the clever Santa Fe agent, has taken a month for vacation and has gone to Kentucky to visit his parents.

C. F. Swayze, of Belden, brother-in law to J. C. Wylie, arrived in the city last Tuesday. He will probably locate here.

Andrew Burns, our former townsman, but now of Dallas, was in the city last Sunday and Monday.

Dr Tom Staples is the happiest man in town since last Friday evening. It's a fine boy, and the Dr. is prond of hearing himself called papa. Mother and child doing well.

W. M. Colson has been in the west on a prospecting tour since our last issue.

R. C. Reese of Nevada was in the city last Monday.

Dr. Baker, of Dallas, is visiting his brother-in law, Mr. J. A. Thompson, of the city.

H. C. Overaker, of Plano, was in the city last Saturday and made a large purchase of cotton.

J. B. Faulkner was in Royse last Saturday and Sunday to fill his regular appointment at that place.

Rev. O'Kelley preached to a large audience last Sunday night at the Baptist church.

Murry Swinnie, who is in the pest house at Paris with small pox, we are glad to note is improving very nicely, and will soon be well.

The city was in a flustration Sunday night over a man from Cleburne, who was supposed to have the small pox. He only remained in the city a few minutes. All is now subsided, and the scare is over.

J. C. Wylie and L. B. Butler was in Dallas last Monday and Tuesday on business.

Plano Items.

[Enquirer.]

W. H. Beauchamp was in Dallas Monday.

A. M. Lyles is assessing the city taxes.

Cotton is coming up and looking fine.

Will Boggess went to Dallas Tuesday.

E. Griggs of Hebron was in Plano Tuesday.

H. C. Mack of McKinney was in Plano Tuesday.

Mrs. R. T. Shelton was in McKinney this week visiting friends.

Mr. Lewis of Van Alstyne is visiting the Lewis Bros., of this place.

J. J. Miller has been quite sick this week with pneumonia.

Marshal Rowland is having a new room added to his residence.

Don't let that library enterprise lag, we need it and must have it.

Rev. T. H. Coleman preached in Witchita Falls, last Sunday.

Robt. Livingston was in Dallas Monday on business.

Miss Alice Fitzhugh, of McKinney, is visiting Mrs Eugene Browning at present.

Prof. Gip Carpenter of McKinney passed through the city Saturday en route to Nevada.

Rev. J. R. Abernathy went to Lancaster last Sunday to visit friends and to see the town.

Mrs. L. N. Housewright left Sunday eve for Uvalde, Tex., to spend several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Hattie Birmingham.

Young Beverley left Monday evening for Crowell, the county seat of Foard county, where he will make his future home.

J. H. Barron was elected councilman Monday by a vote of 62 to 58. M. R. Kendrick being his opponent.

R. M. Reed, a highly respected citizen of this place, is preparing to move to Crowell, Foard county, Texas. We wish him success in his new home.

Farmersville Items.

[Times.]

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith entertained the young people at their home Monday evening.

W. B. Bickley went to Dallas Tuesday.

Mrs. Dr. Welch left last week to visit friends and relatives in McKinney and Sherman.

Last Wednesday morning Billie Temple discovered a man coming to the house of Tobe Wilcoxson's while the family were absent. When the man saw Mr Temple he dropped a suit of clothes belonging to Charles Blackburn and ran off. On investigation it was found the thief had taken a pocket-book containing $3 out of one of the pants pockets.

The city council has received the new lithograph school bonds and they will now be offered for sale. Work has commenced on the house and Farmersville will soon have one of the nicest school buildings in this part of the state.

Miss Willie Spencer returned to her home in Terrell yesterday after several weeks stay in Farmersville, where she has made many friends. Her sister, Mrs. J. W. Neathery, accompanied her as far as Dallas.

Last Saturday night about 8 o'clock a lamp exploded in the livery stable of J. E. Jones & Co., which caused considerable excitement It was soon extinguished and no serious damage done.

Rev. H. B. Pender will attend the Southern Baptist Convention at Birmingham, Ala., May 7 His church bears his expenses.

The Terrill district conference has been changed from Rockwall to Farmersville on account of smallpox at Rockwall. Conference will meet May 14th. Bishop Haygood will preside.

Miss Mabel Looney took the children in her department out for a day in the woods last Saturday. At night, all came in tired, but report a good time.

Jake Marcus accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Rosenthal of Greenville, visited the family of Mr. Purvin last Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Hubbard visited at McKinney this week.

Col. B. R. Houghton, of Sherman was in the city this week.

Mrs. M. S. Mathews, of Merit, called on us Saturday.

Miss Laura Poland spent a few days in Greenville this week.

Uncle Joe Aston departed from this life last Tuesday night, April 30th, in the 87th year of his age. His death was not unexpected, still it grieves many hearts. Death had no terrors for him but after a long and useful life it was welcomed as a sweet relief that severed the bonds of mortality and invited him to a life of Bliss. He was a consistant member of the Presbyterian church and was the father of W. S. Aston. He was burried at the Murchison graveyard on Friday evening. Uncle Joe Aston had lived here for a number of years and in his death we lose one of our oldest and best citizens.

Correspondence.

PRAYER OF THE MONOPOLIST.

O! Almighty dollar, our acknowledged governor, preserver and benefactor, we desire to approach Thee on this and every other occasion with that reverence, which is due superior excellence and the regard which shall ever be cherished for exalted greatness.

Almighty dollar without Thee in our National control we can do nothing, but with Thee we can do all things, but O! Almighty dollar and smaller change, when this laboring organization gets hold on us we humbly pray Thee for the sake of our trust and cash combined. O! for the sake of Wall street be with us and when we can't grasp through the fog pull in a million, O! grant that we may through some dark way pull in a thousand. O! Almighty fifty cents our faith is weakening, now we call on Thee to stay with us, for we know when the sub-treasury plan comes in we may have to work or starve; and O! Almighty quarter which must we do, when we can't steal no more? Starve, O! Almighty dollar we know Thou has kept in office money kings and millionaires for past twenty-five years to make laws for us, to rob the people of their earnings; but O! Almighty dime it seems that the farmer has been aroused up from some cause, (robbery) and demands his rights.

O! Almighty dollar, we know they have the power, if we can not buy the votes, we are lost; and Almighty forty dollar bill we need Thee for this purpose, we know Almighty dollar that Thou art too small for this Alliance;

O! what can we do? They are coming for free coinage and sub-treasury demanding their rights. O! what will we do? O! Almighty dollar, Thy shining face bespeak Thy wonderous power in our banks, make Thy resting place, we need Thee every hour. Now Almighty nickle, we have to nuckle soon or late, please be with us and help us to make peace with the toiling millions before 92 or we are lost, help us copper cent so when we are beaten we may have friends left to put us in the cold earth, in Alliance style—and O! toiling friends forgive us that we may not burn forever, but that we may rise when punished according to deeds done in this world, (would ask sooner, but no use) Now Almighty dollar, we must close our petition, 92 is here and praying is no good, with thanks for Thy past favors, we remain, not as ever, but the peoples servants. Amen.

L. D. S.

L. D. Smith, of Anna, called on us Saturday while here to attend the county Alliance, and added his name to our list.

From Wilmeth.

WILMETH, MAY 5, 1891.

Editor Democrat.

After a long silence will dot you a line or two, as I have been busy all the week farming and on Sunday (well I could not go fishing Saturday), and while it is raining this morning will embrace this chance to write.

Farmers are "flying."

Everybody is about up with their crop. Some few who planted before the heavy rain and have had to plant over.

Your scribe attended preaching last night at Eld. J. B. Wilmeth, preaching by Mr. Welch and oh my, the audience looked like one big boquet of roses. Boy's from five years up to old men had boquets pinned to their coats. Mr. Frank we notice wore smiles over a large and beautiful bunch of roses, sweet williams and for-get-me-nots. The girls oh my, your scribe was carried back to the days of yore and drank in this lovely scene and in immagination, was having a good time with those pretty girls, but in reality I was setting there with two kids in my lap fast asleep. (Who was asleep?—Editor.)

Mrs. Gano Horn is visiting her mother Mrs. Davis.

John Luscomb, of Melissa, is here to see Miss———.

Our school closed a few days ago. Our teacher, Chas. Williams gave perfect satisfaction. He returned to Wolf City, his former home. A letter from him says he will be obliged to visit us again soon. You are welcome Charlie, I saw your girl last night; she was pretty, all together lovely so come, the boys say come, the girls say come, come oh, come.

Your scribe heard some fine banjo picking, at Steve Halls' one night last week by a colored man. I don't know who, but he was sure a good one.

We understand that two gentlemen from your city were around last Sunday buying a car load of puddle ducks and goats. We failed to learn their names. Steve Hall wanted to sell them a train load of Jackrabbits.

Oh, my how those town dudes can "rah," when they get out on the high-way of old Collin. That fishing party from your city to the Mallow lake a few days ago treated our uncivilized community to an excellent sermon and a few clogs, for which we return thanks. We would say come again, but we are satisfied for the time being.

Success to The DEMOCRAT and a hurrah for the Alliance.

GUESS WHO.

From McKinney.

MCKINNEY, TEX, MAY 4, '91.

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It is evident that there is a great political revolution upon us. It is already prophecied by many of the leading and shrewdest politicians of both old parties, that they have run their race, and must prepare to "draw the mantle of their couch about them and lie down to pleasant dreams." Dreams of their past history; a history that recounts many events; a history that has brought joy to many and sorrow to a like number. The old parties have each done a noble work in their time and can both justly lay claim to the title of "The Grand Old Party."

Parties—like men—come and go. The history of a republic is the history of innumerable political parties, all organized and supported for some definite purpose, and when that purpose is accomplished, or when it is demonstrated that said purpose can not be accomplished then the party ceases to exist and a new one takes its place.

In the rapid advancement of civilization of this country it behooves us to keep politics in the front rank of the grand onward march, and when the people find that a party—like anything else—has become ancient and has out lived its time, they should choose a new one to take its place, not stepping backward to make such choice, but to keep in mind the needs of the people and vote according to the welfare of the people.

Remember that "the greatest good for the greatest number," should be the watch word, and a party organized upon this plan, and to this purpose would accomplish the desired reform of the present day.

Cause and effect are the principles to be taken into consideration. Discover the cause and then 'twill be easy to remedy the effect. Now the question arises. What is the cause of the present depression in agriculture and finance? Is it appliable to either or both of the old parties? Is it the result of past legislature? Echo answers yes. How can the people then expect to get relief through the old party? If the old parties are responsible for the present condition of affairs, do you expect them to now make an entire change of their policies and come to you? They never will. The Alliance must go back to their respective old parties and continue under the same condition of affair, or form a new party.

Listen to the teachings of our fore-fathers. "In the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to desolve the political bonds that unite them with another and to choose a new."

Some may advance the theory that, if the old parties are responsible for the present condition of affairs, they should be corrected through the same medium, or in other words. "The hair of the dog cures the bite:" If this is the case I believe the Alliance will scalp the old party clean in order to get hair enough to effectitually cure their bite. Now it is all right to talk about getting relief through the old parties, but what have they done to prove this? Now my opinion of this is to form a new party, and let the old ones know we mean business, then if they are willing to come to us all well and good.

I would like to hear from some of the other DEMOCRAT correspondence on this subject.

I must take occasion to express my appreciation of The DEMOCRAT, and do hope all true Alliance men will lend it their support, by not only subscribing themselves, but get others to subscribe.

A REFORMER.

Wetsel School.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

In answer to invitations sent out, the patrons and friends of the school gathered at the school house on Thursday afternoon, April 30, to witness the exercises of an evening entertainment given by the pupils.

The children had decorated the school-room with a profussion of richest flowers, buntings, flags and pictures.

A few minutes past 1 o'clock the curtain rolled away and the entire school appeared upon the stage. A wave of admiration swept over the audience, a gentle breeze rustled the folds of the large Texas flag, for a moment the Lone Star trembled and Wetsel was in her zenith.

The program, consisting of black board exercises by the advanced class, reading by the intermediate grades, songs, (with organ accompaniment), recitations, declamations, dialogues, tableaux and addresses all of which were well rendered. Every movement of the pupils showed their keen appreciation of the efforts of both their parents and teacher in their behalf

The children acquitted themselves most nobly.

The exercises over, announcement was made that an evening repast, in the way of good things to eat, was the beginning of program number two. Supper was spread upon the ground and a careful glance showed that the ladies of the community were heart, soul and mind in the interest of the childrens' happiness.

The best description we can give of the supper is, it was complete in every detail.

All were sumptuous regaled, after which the bell rang and all were quiet again in the house. Prof. Cunningham a resident teacher gave a short but pointed address, Mr. A. B. Eller, president of the board of trustees and an ex-teacher offered some very appropriate remarks in conclusion and the eveniug's work was done.

The flag bearer raised the flag, the school fell into line and marched down to Mrs. G. W. Shields' where the primary grades were to be entertained, from thence the line of march was taken up to Mrs. Peters' where a cordial reception awaited the advanced pupils and their young friends. The children were entertained by these two estimable ladies. On Friday, May 1st, the teacher and pupils were alone in their work closing the three months term with the regular recitations. But the pupils' minds were in no mood for study, the teacher's frame of mind unfit to instruct, and the walls of the old school-room so accustomed to the peals of merriment of the pupils only echoed the sobs of grief and sighs of regrets for the so soon to be broken attachments formed, during those three short months, between teacher and pupils. The parting scene was a most imposing one. ne never to be forgotten.

Many of the renditions by the pupils deserve special mention, but want of space prevents. Below we append one address by Owen Murray, previously prepared for a San Jacinto day exercise.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

If there be a time when a young man's aspirations to fame reaches enthusiasm, or his ambition for gallantry soars to the realms of patriotism, it certainly must be at such an opportune time as this. It certainly would be pardonable in a young Texan if,—on such occasion as this surrounded by the youth, beauty, age and intellect of the land, prompted by a natural desire to excel his school-fellows,—he should allow his mind to rise above the school boy's vocation and indulge in an effort at oratory. With mingled feelings of highest gratification and deepest regret do we look from the rostrum of the 55th anniversary of our natal day, back over the history of our great state—gratification for the great progress we have made and the liberties we enjoy, regrets for the great sacrifice with which they were obtained; and as we trace those historic lines, narrating the deeds of noble, daring valor, of those heroes and patriots — Fannin, Crocket, Travis, Milam and scores of others, who immortalized the fields of Goliad, Alamo and San Jacinto, with a sacrifice of their lives. Our calmer reason gives way to our emotional nature, we become ecstatic, our imagination flies to the kaleidescope of time and our mind's eye sees whirling by in syclo-ramic panorama the doings of a great peaceful and progressive state, stretching from the crimson waters of Red River on the east to the land of the Montezumas, away beyond the setting sun.

Such my friends is the voluminous magnitude of the grand old Texas, whose vast regions know the effects of every clime, from the chilly blasts of wintry blizzard to the scorching heat of the tropic sun, the frosts of bleak December and the gentle breeze which fans the coast of perpetual spring.

Such I say—is the great state which the decree of fate kindly allows us to call our home, whose rapid strides in science, art and literature moved by energy, perseverence and enterprise all tell too well the story of our progress, and for a moment we are lost in astonishment at and admiration for our own greatness.

The magnificent structures of our institutions, the temples, towers and steeples the grand edifices for learning, homes for the helpless and homeless, the home bespangled prairies, the mountain side cottage and the rolling, rumbling wheels of industry on all sides, moved by all the modern appliances of steam and electric motors, all, all stand as monuments to our appreciation o liberty, love for country and veneration for those whose undying love for country and posterity offered their lives a sacrifice upon their country's altar.

But high sounding superlatives and untutored elocution without facts, fail to render an encomium parallel to our transcendency.

Our hills and plains were remotely the hunting grounds of the "red man," the disputed claim of rival nations, a dependency of a neighboring country, the scene of internal war and its desolation, writhing within the convulsions of a mighty revolution and 55 years ago today the smoke of battle rolled away disclosing the fact that the Napoleon of the west had met his Waterloo, and we were a free and independent people. Then we became a republic with a national ensign—and you will pardon me for a momentary digression to do homage to our flag—"there she stands proud ensign of a nation. The red, the white, the blue. fit emblems of the good, the beautiful and true.

Thou guiding star, when dark despair
Hovered o'er our land so fair,
Let thy folds now be unfurled
And wave in triumph o'er the world.

But to return to my subject: We flourished for ten years as a republic, closely scrutinized by France and Spain; but thanks to the ruler of nations, the Goddess of Liberty smiled upon us, the American eagle spread wide her pinions, and that grand old Alma Mater of provinces and exemplary republic of the world reached forth the welcome hand of annexation and the "Lone Star," the emblem of the youngest born of republics, was merged into the constellation of the American Union.

The magnitude of our importance as a state, with an area of 265,780 square miles and a population of one million five hundred thousand can best be measured by the ravenous manner in which our public domain is being taken up by speculators and home-seekers. The tide of emmigration is pouring in upon us from every clime and country, and today we vie in proud rivalry with not only the states of our own union, but with the time honored states of the oriental continent.

Yes, my school-fellows and friends; we have today a state of which we may justly be proud. One of which Mr. Houston said:

"I have been buffeted by the waves, as I have been borne along time's ocean, until, shattered and worn, I approach the narrow isthmus which divides it from the sea of eternity yond. Erebe I step forward to journey the pilgrimage of death, I would say that all my thoughts and hopes are with my country. If one impulse arises above another, it is for the happiness of these people; the welfare and glory of Texas will be the uppermost thought, while the spark of life lingers in this breast."

Our branches of industry are numerous and our resources unbounded. We are well up in the institutions of civil society and the administration of laws and the highest eulogium that could be pronounced upon her, would be "she is worthy of any who would become her citizen."

Then in conclusion let me say: mothers in your hands today rests the destiny of noble Texas. Fathers you are the safe guards along the bulwarks of our defences. Young men and boys you are the sentinels upon the watch towers of liberty, and upon you depends the perpetuity of our domestic happiness. Young ladies go gather the brightest gems of poesy, the most gorgeous garlands of rhetoric and lay them on your country's altar or wreathe them about her sacred name.

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John S. McCullough editor of the Liberator at Dallas, was in the city last Saturday and paid the Rustler a pleasant call.

H. C. Francis, a knight of the grip, and our old friend from Wolfe City, was in the city last Wednesday.

A Santa Fe freight train was wrecked on the lower end of the switch last Friday morning. No one hurt.

J. Allen, the clever Santa Fe agent, has taken a month for vacation and has gone to Kentucky to visit his parents.

C. F. Swayze, of Belden, brother-in-law to J. C. Wylie, arrived in the city last Tuesday. He will probably locate here.

Andrew Burns, our former townsman, but now of Dallas, was in the city last Sunday and Monday.

Dr Tom Staples is the happiest man in town since last Friday evening. It's a fine boy, and the Dr. is prond of hearing himself called papa. Mother and child doing well.

W. M. Colson has been in the west on a prospecting tour since our last issue.

R. C. Reese of Nevada was in the city last Monday.

Dr. Baker, of Dallas, is visiting his brother-in law, Mr. J. A. Thompson, of the city.

H. C. Overaker, of Plano, was in the city last Saturday and made a large purchase of cotton.

J. B. Faulkner was in Royse last Saturday and Sunday to fill his regular appointment at that place.

Rev. O'Kelley preached to a large audience last Sunday night at the Baptist church.

Murry Swinnie, who is in the pest house at Paris with small pox, we are glad to note is improving very nicely, and will soon be well.

The city was in a flustration Sunday night over a man from Cleburne, who was supposed to have the small pox. He only remained in the city a few minutes. All is now subsided, and the scare is over.

J. C. Wylie and L. B. Butler was in Dallas last Monday and Tuesday on business.

Plano Items.

[Enquirer.]

W. H. Beauchamp was in Dallas Monday.

A. M. Lyles is assessing the city taxes.

Cotton is coming up and looking fine.

Will Boggess went to Dallas Tuesday.

E. Griggs of Hebron was in Plano Tuesday.

H. C. Mack of McKinney was in Plano Tuesday.

Mrs. R. T. Shelton was in McKinney this week visiting friends.

Mr. Lewis of Van Alstyne is visiting the Lewis Bros., of this place.

J. J. Miller has been quite sick this week with pneumonia.

Marshal Rowland is having a new room added to his residence.

Don't let that library enterprise lag, we need it and must have it.

Rev. T. H. Coleman preached in Witchita Falls, last Sunday.

Robt. Livingston was in Dallas Monday on business.

Miss Alice Fitzhugh, of McKinney, is visiting Mrs Eugene Browning at present.

Prof. Gip Carpenter of McKinney passed through the city Saturday en route to Nevada.

Rev. J. R. Abernathy went to Lancaster last Sunday to visit friends and to see the town.

Mrs. L. N. Housewright left Sunday eve for Uvalde, Tex., to spend several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Hattie Birmingham.

Young Beverley left Monday evening for Crowell, the county seat of Foard county, where he will make his future home.

J. H. Barron was elected councilman Monday by a vote of 62 to 58. M. R. Kendrick being his opponent.

R. M. Reed, a highly respected citizen of this place, is preparing to move to Crowell, Foard county, Texas. We wish him success in his new home.

Farmersville Items.

[Times.]

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith entertained the young people at their home Monday evening.

W. B. Bickley went to Dallas Tuesday.

Mrs. Dr. Welch left last week to visit friends and relatives in McKinney and Sherman.

Last Wednesday morning Billie Temple discovered a man coming to the house of Tobe Wilcoxson's while the family were absent. When the man saw Mr Temple he dropped a suit of clothes belonging to Charles Blackburn and ran off. On investigation it was found the thief had taken a pocketbook containing $3 out of one of the pants pockets.

The city council has received the new lithograph school bonds and they will now be offered for sale. Work has commenced on the house and Farmersville will soon have one of the nicest school buildings in this part of the state.

Miss Willie Spencer returned to her home in Terrell yesterday aftet several weeks stay in Farmersville, where she has made many friends. Her sister, Mrs. J. W. Neathery, accompanied her as far as Dallas.

Last Saturday night about 8 o'clock a lamp exploded in the livery stable of J. E. Jones & Co., which caused considerable excitement It was soon extinguished and no serious damage done.

Rev. H. B. Pender will attend the Southern Baptist Convention at Birmingham, Ala., May 7 His church bears his expenses.

The Terrill district conference has been changed from Rockwall to Farmersville on account of smallpox at Rockwall. Conference will meet May 14th. Bishop Haygood will preside.

Miss Mabel Looney took the children in her department out for a day in the woods last Saturday. At night, all came in tired, but report a good time.

Jake Marcus accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Rosenthal of Greenville, visited the family of Mr. Purvin last Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Hubbard visited at McKinney this week.

Col. B. R. Houghton, of Sherman was in the city this week.

Mrs. M. S. Mathews, of Merit, called on us Saturday.

Miss Laura Poland spent a few days in Greenville this week.

Uncle Joe Aston departed from this life last Tuesday night, April 30th, in the 87th year of his age. His death was not unexpected, still it grieves many hearts. Death had no terrors for him but after a long and useful life it was welcomed as a sweet relief that severed the bonds of mortality and ushered him to a life of Bliss. He was a consistant member of the Presbyterian church and was the father of W. S. Aston. He was burried at the Murchison graveyard on Friday evening. Uncle Joe Aston had lived here for a number of years and in his death we lose one of our oldest and best citizens.

Correspondence.

PRAYER OF THE MONOPOLIST.

O! Almighty dollar, our acknowledged governor, preserver and benefactor, we desire to approach Thee on this and every other occasion with that reverence, which is due superior excellence and the regard which shall ever be cherished for exalted greatness.

Almighty dollar without Thee in our National control we can do nothing, but with Thee we can do all things, but O! Almighty dollar and smaller change, when this laboring organization gets hold on us we humbly pray Thee for the sake of our trust and cash combined. O! for the sake of Wall street be with us and when we can't grasp through the fog pull in a million, O! grant that we may through some dark way pull in a thousand. O! Almighty fifty cents our faith is weakening, now we call on Thee to stay with us, for we know when the sub-treasury plan comes in we may have to work or starve; and O! Almighty quarter which must we do, when we can't steal no more? Starve, O! Almighty dollar we know Thou has kept in office money kings and millionaires for past twenty-five years to make laws for us, to rob the people of their earnings; but O! Almighty dime it seems that the farmer has been aroused up from some cause, (robbery) and demands his rights.

O! Almighty dollar, we know they have the power, if we can not buy the votes, we are lost; and Almighty forty dollar bill we need Thee for this purpose, we know Almighty dollar that Thou art too small for this Alliance;

O! what can we do? They are coming for free coinage and sub-treasury demanding their rights. O! what will we do? O! Almighty dollar, Thy shining face bespeak Thy wonderous power in our banks, make Thy resting place, we need Thee every hour. Now Almighty nickle, we have to nuckle soon or late, please be with us and help us to make peace with the toiling millions before 92 or we are lost, help us copper cent so when we are beaten we may have friends left to put us in the cold earth, in Alliance style—and O! toiling friends forgive us that we may not burn forever, but that we may rise when punished according to deeds done in this world, (would ask sooner, but no use) Now Almighty dollar, we must close our petition, 92 is here and praying is no good, with thanks for Thy past favors, we remain, not as ever, but the peoples servants. Amen.

L. D. S.

L. D. Smith, of Anna, called on us Saturday while here to attend the county Alliance, and added his name to our list.

From Wilmeth.

WILMETH, MAY 5, 1891.
Editor Democrat.

After a long silence will dot you a line or two, as I have been busy all the week farming and on Sunday (well I could not go fishing Saturday), and while it is raining this morning will embrace this chance to write.

Farmers are "flying."

Everybody is about up with their crop. Some few who planted before the heavy rain and have had to plant over.

Your scribe attended preaching last night at Eld. J. B. Wilmeth, preaching by Mr. Welch and oh my, the audience looked like one big boquet of roses. Boy's from five years up to old men had boquets pinned to their coats. Mr. Frank we notice wore smiles over a large and beautiful bunch of roses, sweet williams and for-get-me-nots. The girls oh my, your scribe was carried back to the days of yore and drank in this lovely scene and in immagination, was having a good time with those pretty girls, but in reality I was setting there with two kids in my lap fast asleep. (Who was asleep?—Editor.)

Mrs. Gano Horn is visiting her mother Mrs. Davis.

John Luscomb, of Melissa, is here to see Miss——.

Our school closed a few days ago. Our teacher, Chas. Williams gave perfect satisfaction. He returned to Wolf City, his former home. A letter from him says he will be obliged to visit us again soon. You are welcome Charlie, I saw your girl last night; she was pretty, all together lovely so come, the boys say come, the girls say come, come oh, come.

Your scribe heard some fine banjo picking, at Steve Halls' one night last week by a colored man. I don't know who, but he was sure a good one.

We understand that two gentlemen from your city were around last Sunday buying a car load of puddle ducks and goats. We failed to learn their names. Steve Hall wanted to sell them a train load of Jackrabbits.

Oh, my how those town dudes can "rah," when they get out on the high-way of old Collin. That fishing party from your city to the Mallow lake a few days ago treated our uncivilized community to an excellent sermon and a few clogs, for which we return thanks. We would say come again, but we are satisfied for the time being.

Success to The DEMOCRAT and a hurrah for the Alliance.

GUESS WHO.

From McKinney.

MCKINNEY, TEX., MAY 4, '91.
Editor Democrat.

It is evident that there is a great political revolution upon us. It is already prophecied by many of the leading and shrewdest politicians of both old parties, that they have run their race, and must prepare to "draw the mantle of their couch about them and lie down to pleasant dreams." Dreams of their past history; a history that recounts many events; a history that has brought joy to many and sorrow to a like number. The old parties have each done a noble work in their time and can both justly lay claim to the title of "The Grand Old Party."

Parties—like men—come and go. The history of a republic is the history of innumerable political parties, all organized and supported for some definite purpose, and when that purpose is accomplished, or when it is demonstrated that said purpose can not be accomplished then the party ceases to exist and a new one takes its place.

In the rapid advancement of civilization of this country it behooves us to keep politics in the front rank of the grand onward march, and when the people find that a party—like anything else—has become ancient and has out lived its time, they should choose a new one to take its place, not stepping backward to make such choice, but to keep in mind the needs of the people and vote according to the welfare of the people.

Remember that "the greatest good for the greatest number," should be the watch word, and a party organized upon this plan, and to this purpose would accomplish the desired reform of the present day.

Cause and effect are the principles to be taken into consideration. Discover the cause and then 'twill be easy to remedy the effect. Now the question arises. What is the cause of the present depression in agriculture and finance? Is it appliable to either or both of the old parties? Is it the result of past legislature? Echo answers yes. How can the people then expect to get relief through the old party? If the old parties are responsible for the present condition of affairs, do you expect them to now make an entire change of their policies and come to you? They never will. The Alliance must go back to their respective old parties and continue under the same condition of affair, or form a new party.

Listen to the teachings of our fore-fathers. "In the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to desolve the political bonds that unite them with another and to choose a new."

Some may advance the theory that, if the old parties are responsible for the present condition of affairs, they should be corrected through the same medium, or in other words. "The hair of the dog cures the bite:" If this is the case I believe the Alliance will scalp the old party clean in order to get hair enough to effectitually cure their bite. Now it is all right to talk about getting relief through the old parties, but what have they done to prove this? Now my opinion of this is to form a new party, and let the old ones know we mean business, then if they are willing to come to us all well and good.

I would like to hear from some of the other DEMOCRAT correspondence on this subject.

I must take occasion to express my appreciation of The DEMOCRAT, and do hope all true Alliance men will lend it their support, by not only subscribing themselves, but get others to subscribe.

A REFORMER.

Wetsel School.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

In answer to invitations sent out, the patrons and friends of the school gathered at the school house on Thursday afternoon, April 30, to witness the exercises of an evening entertainment given by the pupils.

The children had decorated the school-room with a profussion of richest flowers, buntings, flags and pictures.

A few minutes past 1 o'clock the curtain rolled away and the entire school appeared upon the stage. A wave of admiration swept over the audience, a gentle breeze rustled the folds of the large Texas flag, for a moment the Lone Star trembled and Wetsel was in her zenith.

The program, consisting of black board exercises by the advanced class, reading by the intermediate grades, songs, (with organ accompaniment), recitations, declamations, dialogues, tableaux and addresses all of which were well rendered. Every movement of the pupils showed their keen appreciation of the efforts of both their parents and teacher in their behalf

The children acquitted themselves most nobly.

The exercises over, announcement was made that an evening repast, in the way of good things to eat, was the beginning of program number two. Supper was spread upon the ground and a careful glance showed that the ladies of the community were heart, soul and mind in the interest of the childrens' happiness.

The best description we can give of the supper is, it was complete in every detail.

All were sumptuous regaled, after which the bell rang and all were quiet again in the house. Prof. Cunningham a resident teacher gave a short but pointed address, Mr. A. B. Eller, president of the board of trustees and an ex-teacher offered some very appropriate remarks in conclusion and the eveniug's work was done.

The flag bearer raised the flag, the school fell into line and marched down to Mrs. G. W. Shields' where the primary grades were to be entertained, from thence the line of march was taken up to Mrs. Peters' where a cordial reception awaited the advanced pupils and their young friends. The children were entertained by these two estimable ladies. On Friday, May 1st, the teacher and pupils were alone in their work closing the three months term with the regular recitations. But the pupils' minds were in no mood for study, the teacher's frame of mind unfit to instruct, and the walls of the old school-room so accustomed to the peals of merriment of the pupils only echoed the sobs of grief and sighs of regrets for the so soon to be broken attachments formed, during those three short months, between teacher and pupils. The parting scene was a most imposing one. ne never to be forgotten.

Many of the renditions by the pupils deserve special mention, but want of space prevents. Below we append one address by Owen Murray, previously prepared for a San Jacinto day exercise.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

If there be a time when a young man's aspirations to fame reaches enthusiasm, or his ambition for gallantry soars to the realms of patriotism, it certainly must be at such an opportune time as this. It certainly would be pardonable in a young Texan if,—on such occasion as this surrounded by the youth, beauty, age and intellect of the land, prompted by a natural desire to excel his school-fellows,—he should allow his mind to rise above the school boy's vocation and indulge in an effort at oratory. With mingled feelings of highest gratification and deepest regret do we look from the rostrum of the 55th anniversary of our natal day, back over the history of our great state—gratification for the great progress we have made and the liberties we enjoy, regrets for the great sacrifice with which they were obtained; and as we trace those historic lines, narrating the deeds of noble, daring valor, of those heroes and patriots — Fannin, Crocket, Travis, Milam and scores of others, who immortalized the fields of Goliad, Alamo and San Jacinto, with a sacrifice of their lives. Our calmer reason gives way to our emotional nature, we become ecstatic, our imagination flies to the kaleidescope of time and our mind's eye sees whirling by in syclo-ramic panorama the doings of a great peaceful and progressive state, stretching from the crimson waters of Red River on the east to the land of the Montezumas, away beyond the setting sun.

Such my friends is the voluminous magnitude of the grand old Texas, whose vast regions know the effects of every clime, from the chilly blasts of wintry blizzard to the scorching heat of the tropic sun, the frosts of bleak December and the gentle breeze which fans the coast of perpetual spring.

Such I say—is the great state which the decree of fate kindly allows us to call our home, whose rapid strides in science, art and literature moved by energy, perseverence and enterprise all tell too well the story of our progress, and for a moment we are lost in astonishment at and admiration for our own greatness.

The magnificent structures of our institutions, the temples, towers and steeples the grand edifices for learning, homes for the helpless and homeless, the home bespangled prairies, the mountain side cottage and the rolling, rumbling wheels of industry on all sides, moved by all the modern appliances of steam and electric motors, all, all stand as monuments to our appreciation of liberty, love for country and veneration for those whose undying love for country and posterity offered their lives a sacrifice upon their country's altar.

But high sounding superlatives and untutored elocution without facts, fail to render an encomium parallel to our transcendency.

Our hills and plains were remotely the hunting grounds of the "red man," the disputed claim of rival nations, a dependency of a neighboring country, the scene of internal war and its desolation, writhing within the convulsions of a mighty revolution and 55 years ago today the smoke of battle rolled away disclosing the fact that the Napoleon of the west had met his Waterloo, and we were a free and independent people. Then we became a republic with a national ensign—and you will pardon me for a momentary digression to do homage to our flag—"there she stands proud ensign of a nation. The red, the white, the blue, fit emblems of the good, the beautiful and true.

Thou guiding star, when dark despair
Hovered o'er our land so fair,
Let thy folds now be unfurled
And wave in triumph o'er the world.

But to return to my subject: We flourished for ten years as a republic, closely scrutinized by France and Spain; but thanks to the ruler of nations, the Goddess of Liberty smiled upon us, the American eagle spread wide her pinions, and that grand old Alma Mater of provinces and exemplary republic of the world reached forth the welcome hand of annexation and the "Lone Star," the emblem of the youngest born of republics, was merged into the constellation of the American Union.

The magnitude of our importance as a state, with an area of 265,780 square miles and a population of one million five hundred thousand can best be measured by the ravenous manner in which our public domain is being taken up by speculators and homeseekers. The tide of emmigration is pouring in upon us from every clime and country, and today we vie in proud rivalry with not only the states of our own union, but with the time honored states of the oriental continent.

Yes, my school-fellows and friends; we have today a state of which we may justly be proud. One of which Mr. Houston said:

"I have been buffeted by the waves, as I have been borne along time's ocean, until, shattered and worn, I approach the narrow isthmus which divides it from the sea of eternity yond. Erebe I step forward to journey the pilgrimage of death, I would say that all my thoughts and hopes are with my country. If one impulse arises above another, it is for the happiness of these people; the welfare and glory of Texas will be the uppermost thought, while the spark of life lingers in this breast."

Our branches of industry are numerous and our resources unbounded. We are well up in the institutions of civil society and the administration of laws and the highest eulogium that could be pronounced upon her, would be "she is worthy of any who would become her citizen."

Then in conclusion let me say: mothers in your hands today rests the destiny of noble Texas. Fathers you are the safe guards along the bulwarks of our defences. Young men and boys you are the sentinels upon the watch towers of liberty, and upon you depends the perpetuity of our domestic happiness. Young ladies go gather the brightest gems of poesy, the most gorgeous garlands of rhetoric and lay them on your country's altar or wreathe them about her sacred name.

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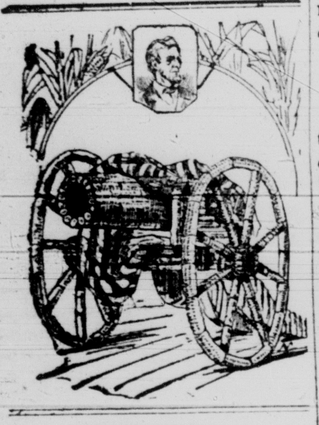

EDITORIALS.

THE Alliance is getting there every day.

JACK the Ripper has been caught at last.

BILL SHAW, of the Texas Farmer, seems to be afraid of his own shadow

COLLIN county has paid out during the last quarter $20,713 to the teachers of the county.

WE send out a number of copies of this issue to Alliance papers with whom we should be pleased to exchange.

THE ex-union and ex-confederate soldiers will unite in decorating the graves of their dead at Ft. Worth, on May 30.

IN union there is strength and there is no union that demostrates more strength than the Farmers' Alliance.

A communication appears elsewhere in this issue from A. Reformer. We hope it will be read by persons of all political faith.

IMBODEN—the Ft. Worth forger—was taken to the Huntsville penitentary last Tuesday to serve out his sentence of five years.

ALL farmers and planters who are interested in the welfare of their country and the prosperity of the masses, should unite themselves with the Alliance.

HON. HENRY WATTERSON, who has been making a lecture tour in this part of Texas, became so fatigued by the time he reached Sherman he could not meet the reception committee.

SHERMAN and vicinity suffered considerably on Monday morning from a tornado which struck that place about six o'clock. One man was seriously hurt and numerous small buildings were moved.

THE Alliance has done a great deal of good, yet it is as yet in its infancy. There is a great deal more for it to accomplish, and in its present harmonious and prosperous condition, they are fast accomplishing their undertakings.

OUR McKinney correspondent, in this issue who signs his name reformer, seems to have lost faith in both the old parties. It seems to be a sentiment of the Alliance to give the old parties one more chance in their next national conventions to accede to their demands which, it they fail to do, the people will rise and place to the front representative men.

THE SUN'S OPINION

The democratic Sun pays the following compliment to President Harrison's southern tour speeches: "What speeches they are! Thus far it is a pleasure to read them. Nothing short of the extreme of partisan unfairness can find in the little Pullman orations anything to ridicule or despise. Candor compels the statement that at the tail end of the Vacuna, surrounded by the hundreds and thousands of his fellow citizens who throng in to inspect the wonders of the presidential train and to gaze upon the nation's chief magistrate Gen. Harrison is at his very best. Whether prepared carefully in advance or extemporaneous, his occasional remarks along the route have been nearly faultless, modest in tone, interesting in matter, local in their application while general in their character, lively without being common place, full of ideas, consistent without being monotonous, excellently and often eloquently expressed, they deserve recognition by political friends and enemies alike as modest of Pullman platform orations.—New York Sun.

Valedictory.

To the people of Collin county: The DEMOCRAT was purchased by the Democrat Publishing Company, April 1st, 1885. It was said that it would not live six months. It has lived six years, and is today in better condition financially than it ever has been since its creation. I have sold my interest to Mr. F. C. Thompson, who will continue its publication on true principles, in favor of equal rights to all, and special privileges to none

Now gentlemen when I was fighting for the rights of labor, it was said that I wanted office. After I quit running for office, the same parties turned their card and said that I wanted to make money out of the paper. Now I have sold out and neither ask office nor money, but I claim the same old principles and am going to stand by it live or die.

Now gentlemen, I call on the true democracy that has stood by the farmers and laborers against all monopolies, of oppression, to come up and assist this worthy young man in his efforts to save the laborer from serfdom.

I would also call on Uncle Mike and others of his belief, who have done great work in the cause. Now Uncle Mike I know you can, by putting your shoulder to the wheel bring up one hundred cash subscribers. There is not a laborer in this county, but can procure at least ten subscribers.

I would advise the Alliance to stand by The DEMOCRAT, and go to work for it, for the reason it has stood by you when every other paper was fighting you. You and The DEMOCRAT have closed all their lips. Even the Dallas News says the Alliance is a great organization. There is not a paper in the United States that dares to say a word against the Alliance.

Trusting The DEMOCRAT will receive an increased patronage.

I am respectfully,

JOHN JOHNSON.

THE GREAT NORTHER OF 1857.

McKinney, Texas.—In the News of recent date D. B. Keiper gives his reminiscences of the famous April (1857) norther on the coast in Jackson county, Texas. I write to corroborate and give my experience in Collin county and make a slight correction in his date. He puts it April 9. I quote from my diary which puts it April 6.

April 4, 1857, rained a little. I rode with George Wilson and others across Sister and Pilot Grove creeks hunting cattle. Cleared off and we camped, and did well till 2 a. m. April 5, when a rain and norther struck us and we had to build a fire It snowed a little and we came home through a whizzing norther.

April 6: Ice from half to three quarters of an inch thick; wheat over knee high and heading, all fell flat before night; corn (most of it had been plowed over) which was killed, and leaves and tender stems on timber all killed.

April 8: Cold norther and I wore my blanket over my coat dropping corn.

April 8. Light frost this morning.

April 11: Cold disagreeable day. I rode to McKinney. Snowed most all day; three to four inches deep. The boys rolled a snow-ball 5 feet in diameter in front of the court house door and piled others on top of it till it was over 10 feet high

April 12: Clear and frost on snow. The sun was an hour and a half high before the snow melted any, but by noon it was all gone.

As a proof of the truth of this story, any one cutting down a thrifty ash or pecan old enough and counting the growth in from the bark to 1857 will find a black streak there.

C. B MOORE.

The Mercury has no hesitancy in saying that in future the election of governors and congressmen will be conducted on a more business like plan, as far as the members of the Alliance are concerned. The membership will not soon forget the candidate that patted them on the back and told them that they were the salt of the earth, and then as soon as they were elected made haste to slap them in the face upon every occasion.—Southern Mercury.

The Globe Democrat, one of the leading republican papers of the West, has this to say of Hon. John H. Reagan:

J. H. Reagan, whose distinctively political career is probably closed by his retirement from the Senate and his appointment to the State Railroad Commissionship, was for years one of the most striking and picturesque figures on the national stage. He is between 72 and 73 years of age, was a resident of Texas long before that region became a part of United States territory, represented a district of that state in the national house of representatives before the war, served in the Provisional Congress of the confederacy for a short time, was Post-master General of the Jefferson Davis government during its entire existence, and went to the National House of Representatives again in 1875 and to the Senate in 1887. He brought public spirit, sincerity and integrity to every post which he held. Texas never had a more useful representative in either branch of Congress than John H. Reagan.

ON THE WARPATH.

W. Roel Reel, the alleged correspondent of the Kansas City Sunday Sun who was given a hundread lashes and tarred and feathered at Waco by indignant citizens, is said to have made a complete confession to the leaders of the mob of the names of the scribblers for the Sun at a number of towns in Texas. It is said that the names are in the possession of the leaders in the Waco lynching, that three of the correspondents reside in Dallas and that one of them learned of Reel's confession yesterday and made for tall timber, leaving on the east bound Texas and Pacific train last night. The other two are believed to be still in town.

Two of the leaders in the Waco affair arrived in the city yesterday, and from their appearence and actions one could easily surmise their mission. One of them was from Tyler and carried three full-grown six-shooters and a mask. When questioned by a representative of The News as to his object in maintaining an arsneal, he said.

"Oh, nothing. Three men in Dallas must 'hit the grit' or stand the consequences, that's all."

His companion was also well heeled, having in his possession a gun with a barrel like a stovepipe and a Mafia looking dirk. He remarked that the correspondents of the Sun, not only in Dallas but in every town in Texas, were known and will be compelled to either leave in a hurry or share the fate of Reel at Waco.

The guns of the Alliance are turned upon the enemies of reform, and we do not propose to limber till we shall have swept the field of every enemy to our cause. There are some in our ranks who are traitors to the cause, who are pretendingly reformers, but by secret and underhanded means are striving to disrupt the order. "Murder will out," and, like the ass in the fable, their true character will appear after a few movements.—Sourthern Mercury.

Seasonable Advise.

How to Select a Spring Medicine.

A Short Exaract from a Lecture by Dr. S B. Hartman.

A Pamphlet on Spring Diseases Sent Free.

Are you thinking of getting spring medicine? **Do you feel** those old symptoms which are so apt to come every spring and remind you that you need something to purify your blood or clean your system or tone up your digestion and appetit? Now, if there was ever a time in your life you needed to use good judgement it is right here and now. To begin with, you will see, after a moments reflection, that no one medicine could be made that would be the proper remedy for all cases of spring affections. It is, certainly, a matter of considerable moment to you which of the many sars-parillas, tonic and blood purifiers you need for your particular case. If you will carefully observe the following directions you will never be disappointed in finding prompt relief:

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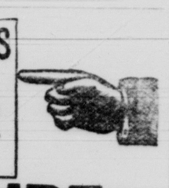

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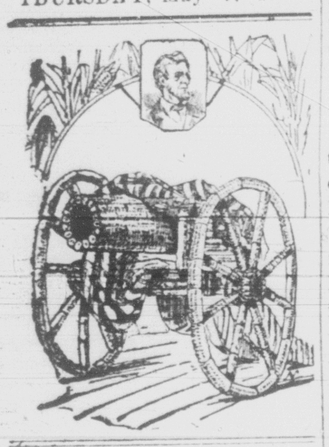

EDITORIALS.

THE Alliance is getting there every day.

JACK the Ripper has been caught at last.

BILL SHAW, of the Texas Farmer, seems to be afraid of his own shadow

COLLIN county has paid out during the last quarter $20,713 to the teachers of the county.

WE send out a number of copies of this issue to Alliance papers with whom we should be pleased to exchange.

THE ex-union and ex-confederate soldiers will unite in decorating the graves of their dead at Ft. Worth, on May 30.

IN union there is strength and there is no union that demostrates more strength than the Farmers' Alliance.

A communication appears elsewhere in this issue from A. Reformer. We hope it will be read by persons of all political faith.

IMBODEN—the Ft. Worth forger—was taken to the Huntsville penitentary last Tuesday to serve out his sentence of five years.

ALL farmers and planters who are interested in the welfare of their country and the prosperity of the masses, should unite themselves with the Alliance.

HON. HENRY WATTERSON, who has been making a lecture tour in this part of Texas, became so fatigued by the time he reached Sherman he could not meet the reception committee.

SHERMAN and vicinity suffered considerably on Monday morning from a tornado which struck that place about six o'clock. One man was seriously hurt and numerous small buildings were moved.

THE Alliance has done a great deal of good, yet it is as yet in its infancy. There is a great deal more for it to accomplish, and in its present harmonious and prosperous condition, they are fast accomplishing their undertakings.

OUR McKinney correspondent, in this issue who signs his name reformer, seems to have lost faith in both the old parties. It seems to be a sentiment of the Alliance to give the old parties one more chance in their next national conventions to accede to their demands which, if they fail to do, the people will rise and place to the front representative men.

THE SUN'S OPINION

The democratic Sun pays the following compliment to President Harrison's southern tour speeches: "What speeches they are! Thus far it is a pleasure to read them. Nothing short of the extreme of partisan unfairness can find in the little Pullman orations anything to ridicule or despise. Candor compels the statement that at the tail end of the Vacuna, surrounded by the hundreds and thousands of his fellow citizens who throng in to inspect the wonders of the presidential train and to gaze upon the nation's chief magistrate Gen. Harrison is at his very best. Whether prepared carefully in advance or extemporaneous, his occasional remarks along the route have been nearly faultless, modest in tone, interesting in matter, local in their application while general in their character, lively without being common place, full of ideas, consistent without being monotonous, excellently and often eloquently expressed, they deserve recognition by political friends and enemies alike as modest of Pullman platform orations.—New York Sun.

Valedictory.

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Now gentlemen when I was fighting for the rights of labor, it was said that I wanted office. After I quit running for office, the same parties turned their card and said that I wanted to make money out of the paper. Now I have sold out and neither ask office nor money, but I claim the same old principles and am going to stand by it live or die.

Now gentlemen, I call on the true democracy that has stood by the farmers and laborers against all monopolies, of oppression, to come up and assist this worthy young man in his efforts to save the laborer from serfdom.

I would also call on Uncle Mike and others of his belief, who have done great work in the cause. Now Uncle Mike I know you can, by putting your shoulder to the wheel bring up one hundred cash subscribers. There is not a laborer in this county, but can procure at least ten subscribers.

I would advise the Alliance to stand by The DEMOCRAT, and go to work for it, for the reason it has stood by you when every other paper was fighting you. You and The DEMOCRAT have closed all their lips. Even the Dallas News says the Alliance is a great organization. There is not a paper in the United States that dares to say a word against the Alliance.

Trusting The DEMOCRAT will receive an increased patronage.

I am respectfullly,

JOHN JOHNSON.

THE GREAT NORTHER OF 1857.

McKinney, Texas.—In the News of recent date D. B. Keiper gives his reminiscences of the famous April (1857) norther on the coast in Jackson county, Texas. I write to corroborate and give my experience in Collin county and make a slight correction in his date. He puts it April 9. I quote from my diary which puts it April 6.

April 4, 1857, rained a little. I rode with George Wilson and others across Sister and Pilot Grove creeks hunting cattle. Cleared off and we camped, and did well till 2 a. m. April 5, when a rain and norther struck us and we had to build a fire It snowed a little and we came home through a whizzing norther.

April 6: Ice from half to three quarters of an inch thick; wheat over knee high and heading, all fell flat before night; corn (most of it had been plowed over) which was killed, and leaves and tender stems on timber all killed.

April 8: Cold norther and I wore my blanket over my coat dropping corn.

April 8. Light frost this morning.

April 11: Cold disagreeable day. I rode to McKinney. Snowed most all day; three to four inches deep. The boys rolled a snow-ball 5 feet in diameter in front of the court house door and piled others on top of it till it was over 10 feet high

April 12: Clear and frost on snow. The sun was an hour and a half high before the snow melted any, but by noon it was all gone.

As a proof of the truth of this story, any one cutting down a thrifty ash or pecan old enough and counting the growth from the bark to 1857 will find a black streak there.

C. B MOORE.

The Mercury has no hesitancy in saying that in future the election of governors and congressmen will be conducted on a more business like plan, as far as the members of the Alliance are concerned. The membership will not soon forget the candidate that patted them on the back and told them that they were the salt of the earth, and then as soon as they were elected made haste to slap them in the face upon every occasion.—Southern Mercury.

The Globe Democrat, one of the leading republican papers of the West, has this to say of Hon. John H. Reagan:

J. H. Reagan, whose distinctively political career is probably closed by his retirement from the Senate and his appointment to the State Railroad Commissionship, was for years one of the most striking and picturesque figures on the national stage. He is between 72 and 73 years of age, was a resident of Texas long before that region became a part of United States territory, represented a district of that state in the national house of representatives before the war, served in the Provisional Congress of the confederacy for a short time, was Post-master General of the Jefferson Davis government during its entire existence, and went to the National House of Representatives again in 1875 and to the Senate in 1887. He brought public spirit, sincerity and integrity to every post which he held. Texas never had a more useful representative in either branch of Congress than John H. Reagan.

ON THE WARPATH.

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"Oh, nothing. Three men in Dallas must 'hit the grit' or stand the consequences, that's all."

His companion was also well heeled, having in his possession a gun with a barrel like a stovepipe and a Malla looking dirk. He remarked that the correspondents of the Sun, not only in Dallas but in every town in Texas, were known and will be compelled to either leave in a hurry or share the fate of Reel at Waco.

The guns of the Alliance are turned upon the enemies of reform, and we do not propose to limber till we shall have swept the field of every enemy to our cause. There are some in our ranks who are traitors to the cause, who are pretendingly reformers, but by secret and underhanded means are striving to disrupt the order. "Murder will out," and, like the ass in the fable, their true character will appear after a few movements.—Sourthern Mercury.

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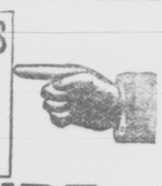

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HEAD

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Our popular Marshall, Sam Burke, was re-elected chief of the fire department last Monday night.

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Jehu Strode, an aged citizen who lives near Viney Grove died last week.

Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment.

A certain cure for Chronic Sore Eyes, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Old Chronic Sores, Fever Sores, Eczema, Itch, Prairie Scratches, Sore Nipples and Piles. It is cooling and soothing. Hundreds of cases have been cured by it after all other treatment had failed. It is put up in 25 and 50 cent boxes.

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CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.

Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. S. Weaver, pastor. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. ———— superintendent.

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Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m and 7:15 p. m.. Rev. J. A. Stafford, pastor. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:45 a. m. ———— superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7: 0.

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Preaching every Sabbath morning at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Elder Pritchett, pastor. Sunday school every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. P. Harris, superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30.

BAPTIST.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m and 7:45 p. m.. Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock. T. C. Perry, superintendent.

LOCAL NEWS.

Forest Board is sick.

E. K. Rudolph is very sick.

T. C. Perry was in Sherman this week.

T. F. Mangum was in Sherman Friday.

George Fox is visiting in Missouri this week.

W. P. Suttle made a business trip to Dallas last Saturday.

Sam Stockard left this morning for Wise county, on a visit.

We have placed 47 new subscribers on our list since the last issue.

We will give a report of the closing of the Willow Springs school in our next issue.

The revival at the C. P. church is being attended by a large number of people and the interest is on the increase.

☞R. M. Board continues to sell the farmers the best and cheapest goods on the market.

P. B. Perrish, a leading man from the Whites Grove neighborhood was in Monday and subscribed for The DEMOCRAT.

Pryor Hays and some of the citizens of the fourth ward had a misunderstanding last Sunday evening resulting in Pryor having a fine to pay.

There was a slight mistake in last issue in regard to the speaking at Stiff Chapel. It should have been Saturday instead of Friday night.

There will be public speaking at Stiff Chapel, on Saturday night, May the 9th. by E. F. England. Everybody invited, especially the women and children.

It seems that the colored meeting in progress at Melissa has been annoyed considerable of late by mischieveous white boys. Several boys were arrested.

The little girls of Vineland had a doll picnic last Friday. They gathered on the school house ground and enjoyed a nice dinner.

Services at the Baptist church, at 11 a. m. and young people's meeting in the afternoon next Sunday. The preaching at night will be suspended in favor of the revival meeting at the C. P. church.

E. W. Kirkpatrick, our popular nurseryman, called on us Saturday, and made us smile with a quantity of fine large straw-berries, raised on his fruit farm near the city. These were the first home grown straw-berries we've had this year, and they tasted splendid. Thanks for them.

J. P. Hunter, one of the leading Alliance men of the Sister Grove neighborhood called on us Monday and cashed up for The DEMOCRAT, and by his influence succeeded in getting several new subscribers. He reports everything lovely in his neighborhood, and says prospects for a beautiful crop was never better.

My friend, look! you know how weak and nervous your wife is, and you know that Carter's Iron Pills will relieve her now why not be fair about it and buy her a box?

☞The Nickle Store wants you to visit them.

☞Fruit jars both Mansons and Standard, at
J. P. DOWELL'S

☞Straw hats, straw hats, straw hats, at
WISEMAN'S

☞Forty different styles of rocking chairs at Nale & Dies'.

☞Come to the Nickle Store and purchase your notions.

☞Refrigerators, ice cream freezers, at
J. P. DOWELL'S.

☞Go to Webb & Porter for hay, corn, oats, brand, etc

☞Bargains at the Nickle Store.

☞Iron and wood mantles grates, at
J. P. DOWELL'S.

☞Plenty of racket, at the Nickle Store.

☞Straw hats, straw hats, straw hats, at
WISEMAN'S.

☞See Webb & Porter for seed and feedstuff.

☞Go to Nale & Dies' for refrigerators.

☞Buy your wife one of those Gasoline stoves new process, at
J. P. DOWELL'S.

☞Straw hats, straw hats, straw hats, at
WISEMAN'S.

☞We exchange new for second-hand stoves. Two carloads of new stoves to select from. NALE & DIES.

☞Fine line of carpenters tools, at
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☞We are headquarters for queensware. Come and see. Nale & Dies, Northeast corner of the square.

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WISEMAN'S.

☞Nale & Dies will give you a complete house-keeping outfit for less money than any other house in North Texas. Northeast corner of square.

☞Cook stoves Superior and New Mohawk are the best and cheapest stoves made, at
J. P. DOWELL'S.

☞Webb & Porter can be found on East Louisiana street. Call and see them when you want anything in their line.

☞Straw hats, straw hats, straw hats, at
WISEMAN'S.

☞Whifmans hay bailing press acknowledged to be the best.
J. P. DOWELL, Agent.

TO TRADE for a good single driver and saddle horse, some gilt edge, short time notes.
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☞We will give to all old subscribers, who pay up and one year in advance and to all new ones who pay one year in advance The American Farmer, a large 16 paged illustrated paper. Free.

You hardly realize that it is medicine when taking Carter's Little Liver Pills; they are very small; no bad effects; all troubles from torpid liver are relieved by their use.

☞Glass and queensware at price never sold at before in McKinney, at
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Keep on hand fresh drugs, patent medicines of all kinds. Also toilet articles of any description; in fact, everything in the drug line. Call and see hem, east side of the square.

Salery, $25 Per Week.

Wanted—Good agents to sell our General line of merchandise. No peddling. Above salery paid to "live" agents.
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Many Persons are broken down from overwork or household cares. Brown's Iron Bitters Rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes excess of bile, and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

☞The Nickle Store is on the Post office street call in and see them.

FROM COPEVILLE.

COPEVILLE, MAY 4, 1891.

Editor Democrat.

To Uncle Mike: My dear uncle, in reference to the club meeting business you spoke of I was a member and one of the committee that drafted the anti-exofficio resolution, but mind you this was all done before any proposition was made for a compromise and I think before any apology was required by the so called straights. Now I am as much opposed to a third party, as you are. While I claim this split in Collin is merely a local fight among democrats an act of local grievences and those greivances are now of such a nature that we need no farther fighting in our local democratic party. We want no more party nominations; we want no propositions from either party to the other. Lay down the past, stop fussing in the convention and have a free for all race for offices and should any would-be leader undertake to re-kindle the old flames, let the people speak out as one man and say we want no more of your leadership. We are an independent voting people, we want officers elected by no faction but we want the people in one independent move to say who shall rule over us. Just so long my dear uncle, as we have this split we will have a court of prejudice instead of a court of justice. Had you ever thought of this?

Now in reference to a third party it seems to me Uncle Mike, that you occupy rather a peculiar position, from a correspondence of yours I quote. "We are opposed to a third party here at Lucas, unless Cleveland should be nominated as the standard bearer of the national democracy. In that instance many of our people would bolt the nationaldemocratic ticket." This may not be the exact words, but is the substance of your communication. I believe sir that the Alliance and all the other reformers should give the democratic party one more trial at least, if for no other reason, they should give them their support for their brave and gallant fight against the force bill, had it not been for the heros of our grand old democracy, we the people of the south would have been deprived of the glorious right of a free and independent suffrage. There is no doubt in my mind with one sturdy pull and no third party movement, that the democrats can elect their candidate. Who ever he may be, but lets not bolt because we can't get our choice on the ticket. I am for Cleveland, believing him to be the most available man for the position. Notwithstanding we may disagree with him on some things, yet his honesty of purpose makes me believe that he is the jona to lead the party to victory in 1892.

In conversation with one of the so-called straights a few days since, he was boasting of the defeat of Cole, of Dallas and Foote, of McKinney, and said he was glad that Conner and Bowlby were elected and I asked him the direct question, which he would support, Blaine or Cleveland, in case they should be the nominees of the two parties he answered he would vote for Blaine. This man has been one of the main workers for the straights in our county, claiming with the rest of the crowd that they were the only democratic party in Collin county. Such men are democrats for revenue only. I want no coalition with them unless it be a last resort. A free and independet move is what the people of our county want and sooner or later will have it.

In conclusion my dear Uncle allow me to congratulate you for the good and faithful work you have performed in the past, in the grand cause for justice and honest politics; and may your convictions become such as to constrain you to believe as I, that Cleveland and tariff reform should be the political watch guard of every true American citizen.

Mrs. Davis requests me to invite you and Mrs. Mike over to visit us. Hoping you will do so I am as ever for honest politics.

PETER I. DAVIS.

☞Old papers for sale at this office.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

White's Grove has been selected for the place of holding the Alliance camp-meeting. It is a splendid place and the people who attend will have every convenience for themselves and their stock.

The Ladies Delighted.

The pleasant effect and perfect safety with which ladies may use the liquid fruit laxative, Syrup of Figs, under all conditions make it their favorite remedy. It is pleasing to the eye and to the taste, gently, yet effectual in acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels.

Bro. Thompson, of the Gazette called in Monday to see the Alliance gun.

Don't suffer from sick headache a moment longer. It is not necessary. Carter's Little Liver Pills will cure you. Dose, one little pill. Small price. Small dose. Small pill.

ATTENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

The members of the committee on program for the Alliance camp-meeting, are urgently requested to meet at The DEMOCRAT office in McKinney, the last Saturday in May (the 30th) at 1 o'clock p. m.

The committee is composed of R. S. Sneed, chairman; E. W. Kirkpatrick, J. C. Denton, G. F. Albright, A. S. Graves, J. D. McElroy and J. O. Sutherland.

R. S. Sneed,
Chairman of committee.

AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR.

The DEMOCRAT was the recipient of a kind invitatio to attend a birth day dinner last Saturday, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Strickland, who lives about four miles Southeast of McKinney. Out of the thirty-two relatives, including grandchildren twenty-six were present. Among the invited guests we note: Ex-Governor Throckmorton, Mr. Francis Emerson, Rev. John McKinney, Todd Warden and E. H. Bennett.

The hour of dinner having arrived, the family and guests gathered around a large table laden with the richest viands.

Gov. Throckmorton in a happy style delivered an address in which he expressed joy that the host and hostess had reached a ripe old age and he hoped the closing scene of their lives' sunset would be grand—that passing to some farther shore, they will enter the realms of eternal bliss.

Rev. McKinney, invoked the blessing of the supreme, after which all enjoyed the delicious repast.

The evening having been spent surrounded by children, daughters, grand-children and a host of old and young friends, It appeared that rest was absolutely necessary, but such was not the fact, for lo! in the transition from day to night, when the old people had gave themselves up to peaceful slumber, forgetting the past it remained for the younger members of this happy household to awaken their aged father and mother by the gentle emotions of sweet music, after which a mid-night repast was served. When exhausted nature found repose amid pleasant dreams of the sweet-by-and-by.

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G. W. Shaddox, of Parvin, Denton county, came in Tuesday and ordered The DEMOCRAT.

Miles' Nerve & Liver Pills.

Act on a new principle—regulating the liver, stomach and bowels through the nerves. A new discovery. Dr Miles' Pills speedly cure billiousness bad taste, torpid liver, piles, constipation. Unequal for men, women, children. Smallest mildest, surest! 50 doses, 25 cts. Sample Free, at Smith Bros. Drug Store.

Jas. Dorn, of Verona added his name to The DEMOCRAT list Monday.

Happy Hoosiers.

Wm. Timmons, postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicine combined, for that bad feeling arising from Kidney and Liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town says: Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c, a bottle, at E. N. McAuley's drug store.

J. H. Pelt, a young and prosperous farmer of Melissa neighborhood ordered The DEMOCRAT last Monday.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggerted Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking ten bottles, found herself sound and well, now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottle of this Great Discovery at E. N. McAuley's drug store, large bottles 50c, and $1.00.

In our report of the Collin county Alliance meeting we give the name of R. M. McDonald, as one of the committee on privileges, which should have been W. A. Holder.

Oh, what a Cough!

Will you heed the warning? The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease consumption. Ask yourself if you can afford for the sake of saving 50 cents to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's Cure will cure your cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a million bottles were sold the past year. It relieves croup and whooping cough at once. Mothers, do not be without it. For lame back, side or chest use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by Bristol Bros.

Collin county enjoyed a fine rain Monday morning.

Answer this Question.

Why do so many people we see around us seem to prefer to suffer and be made miserable by indigestion, constipation, dizziness, loss of appetite, coming up of the food, yellow skin, when for 75 cents we will sell them Shiloh's Vitalizer, guaranteed to cure them.—Bristol Bros.

J. B. Jett, made us a call Saturday, while attending the county Alliance.

In almost every neighborhood throughout the west there is some one or more persons whose lives have been saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, or who have been cured of chronic diarrhœa by it. Such persons take special pleasure in recommending the remedy to others. The praise that follows it's introduction and use makes it very popular. 25 and 50 cent botiles for sale by Bristol Bros.

Bristol Bros. the druggist desire us to publish the following testimonial as they handle the remedy and believe it to be reliable.

I bought a 50 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and applied it to my limbs, which have been afflicted with rheumatism at intervals for one year. At the time I bought the Pain Balm I was unable to walk. I can truthfully say that Pain Balm has completely cured me: R. H. FARR, Holywood, Kan. Mr. A. B. Cox, the leading druggist at Holywood, vouches for the truth of the above statement.

S. D. Canady, was in to see us Saturday.

The Greatest Strike.

Among the great strikes that of Dr. Miles in discovering his New Heart Cure has proved itself to be one of the most important. The demand for it as become astonishing. Already the treatment of heart disease is being revolutioniled, and many unexpected cures effected. It soon relieves short breath, fluttering, pains in side, arm, shoulder, weak and hungry spells, oppression, swelling of ankles, smothering and heart dropsy. Dr. Miles' book on Heart and Nervous Diseases, free. The unequaled New Heart Cure is sold and guaranteed by Smith Bros. sole agent, also his Restorative Nervine for headache, fits, sprees, hot flashes, nervous, chills opium habit, etc.

R. A. McLarry our assessor has nearly completed his work for this year.

Some of the Grand Army boys may be interested in the following from Alex. B. Pope, A. D. C. Commander, Dep't. Tenn and Ga. He says: "We have had an epidemic of whooping cough here, (Stewart, Tenn.) and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been the only medicine that has done any good." There is no danger from whooping cough, when this remedy is freely given. It completely controls the disease. 50 cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

Extensive preparatians are being made for the grand camp-meeting during July.

Women are not slow to comprehend. They're quick. They are alive and yet it was a man who discovered the one remedy for their peculiar ailments. That was Dr. Pierce.

The discovery was his "Favorite Prescription"—the boon to delicate woman. Why go round "with one foot in the grave, suffering in silence—misunderstood—when there's a remedy at hand that isn't an experiment, but which is sold under the guarantee that if you are disappointed in any way in it, you can get your money back by applying to its makers.

We can hardly imagine a woman's not trying it. Possibly it may be true of one or two—but we doubt it. Women are ripe for it. They must have it. Think of a prescription and nine out of ten waiting for it. Carry the news to them!

The seat of sick headache is not in the brain. Regulate the stomach and you cure it. Dr. Pierce's Pellets are the Little Regulators.

The county Alliance had a most harmonious meeting last Saturday, which was largely attended.

Will Be Given Away.

Our enterprising druggists Smith Bros., who carry the finest stock of drugs, perfumeries, toilet articles, brushes, sponges, etc, are giving away a large number of trial bottles of Dr. Miles' celebrated Restorative Nervine. They guarantee it to cure headache, dizziness, nervous prostration, sleeplessness, the ill effects of spirits, tobacco, coffee, etc. Druggists say it is the greatest seller they ever knew and is universally satisfactory. They also guarantee Dr. Miles New Heart Cure in all cases of nervous or organic heart disease, palpitation, pain in side, smothering, etc. Fine books on "Nervous and Heart Diseases" free.

☞Don't forget to see R M. Board, when you are in the city.

Mexican Mustang Liniment.

A Cure for the Ailments of Man and Beast.

A long-tested pain reliever.

Its use is almost universal by the Housewife, the Farmer, the Stock Raiser, and by every one requiring an effective liniment.

No other application compares with it in efficacy.

This well-known remedy has stood the test of years, almost generations.

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Occasions arise for its use almost every day.

All druggists and dealers have it.

METHODIST EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The exercises of this institution at the Methodist church last Sunday evenig were not only interesting but instructive also the address of Pres. Church on the life and character of John Wesley, was a decided success and gave universal satisfaction. The leaders congratulated the Methodist church in that it was born in a university, and had for its founder one of the foremost, and one of the most scholarly men of his age, indeed of any age of the world. He thought it took rare worth, culture, firmness and great equipoise of faculties to found such a church at such a time and under such circumstances. Shut out of the churches, and having to preach in open air to motly multitudes, the chances for forming a great, a progressive church and a cultured one, were all against him. But for the remarkable endowments and attainments of this remarkable man, the church must of necessity have fallen to pieces of its own weight, and been consumed in the fires of fanaticism, yet how he under God succeeded, all the thinking world knows. The phenomenal success of the work of this man challenges the attention of the philosopher. Six millions of communicants testify of the character and value of the Wesleyan movement. Her colleges and her universities do flourish.

He called attention to the fact that men are to worship God with all the mind, and with all the soul. Head religion, heart religion, and conduct religion ought to meet and be inseperably joined in each individual worshiper. One of those is not enough; two of them will not suffice; it takes all three—a trinity of head, heart and conduct. In furtherence of this idea, he congratulated the church that the last general conference ordained the organization of the Epworth League. He consuled all the members of the church to be not only Methodist, but intelligent progressive and active Methodists; and so fulfill the law of Christ and the purposes God had in thrusting out the Wesleys.

SPECTATOR.

From Johnson School House.
MAY 4, 1891.

Editor of the Democrat

Health is good in this community.

Crops are looking well.

Bro. Philips started to Dallas the 2nd. We wish him success and hope the hand of providence will protect his family while he is absent.

We had preaching here last night with a good attendance. That's right boys and girls, help the good work along.

The Alliance is booming in these parts, we have a good lodge at Verona, all are as busy as bees and allow me to say the Alliance is at a point where it has got to be respected and the men on the fence are fast tumbling off, and the day is fast hastening when a reformation will take place

Success to The DEMOCRAT.

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MADE WITH BOILING MILK.

J. L. Griffin, colored, (sin killer) preached to a large colored congregation Sunday last at the court house. He read the 3rd chapter of St. Matthew, subject: "Repentance." He said Moses brought 3,500,000 people out of Egypt with a stick, that the church of today needed liberty, that man must be born again and must have the love of God shed abroad in his heart, no matter whether he is a Baptist or Methodist.

A. N. Lewis, of Parker, an Alliance wheel horse of South Collin and an old reader of The DEMOCRAT called on us Monday.

YOUTH.

Why is it so many grow old too prematurely?

Said an old man: "If there is anything that will make an old man feel young it is Dr. John Bull's Sarsaparilla." Yes, there is a deal of buoyancy in a bottle of this excellent remedy, and if it was more generally used there would be fewer folks growing prematurely old. The healing and strengthening herbs that enter into its composition make it one of the finest rejuvenating medicines that can be compounded. Said a young wife, when asked how she managed to live so happily with

DO YOU

her husband, who was quite an old man, "I keep him youthful by giving him Bull's Sarsaparilla." It is a good thing when a feeling of old age or decrepitude creeps into the system to rout it at once with Bull's Sarsaparilla. It makes the old feel young, and the young feel buoyant. "An active old lady said she "couldn't keep up long when her bottle of Bull's Sarsaparilla got empty." It's a good thing for old people. Everyone, young or old, should counteract the evil effects of nervousness, weakness, and debility by a use of Bull's Sarsaparilla. It keeps the system in fine condition. You will sleep better,

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you will eat better, your food will digest better, you will feel better every way if you occasionally use this great tonic and alterative.

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she is well and does her own housework. A negro living on our place had a bad case of scrofula. Bull's Sarsaparilla cured him."

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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.

Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. S. Weaver, pastor. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. ———— superintendent.

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Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m and 7:15 p. m.. Rev. J. A. Stafford, pastor. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:45 a. m. ———— superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7: 0.

CHRISTIAN.

Preaching every Sabbath morning at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Elder Pritchett, pastor. Sunday school every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. P. Harris, superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30.

BAPTIST.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m and 7:45 p. m.. Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock. T. C. Perry, superintendent.

LOCAL NEWS.

Forest Board is sick.

E. K. Rudolph is very sick.

T. C. Perry was in Sherman this week.

T. F. Mangum was in Sherman Friday.

George Fox is visiting in Missouri this week.

W. P. Suttle made a business trip to Dallas last Saturday.

Sam Stockard left this morning for Wise county, on a visit.

We have placed 47 new subscribers on our list since the last issue.

We will give a report of the closing of the Willow Springs school in our next issue.

The revival at the C. P. church is being attended by a large number of people and the interest is on the increase.

☞R. M. Board continues to sell the farmers the best and cheapest goods on the market.

P. B. Perrish, a leading man from the Whites Grove neighborhood was in Monday and subscribed for The DEMOCRAT.

Pryor Hays and some of the citizens of the fourth ward had a misunderstanding last Sunday evening resulting in Pryor having a fine to pay.

There was a slight mistake in last issue in regard to the speaking at Stiff Chapel. It should have been Saturday instead of Friday night.

There will be public speaking at Stiff Chapel, on Saturday night, May the 9th. by E. F. England. Everybody invited, especially the women and children.

It seems that the colored meeting in progress at Melissa has been annoyed considerable of late by mischieveous white boys. Several boys were arrested.

The little girls of Vineland had a doll picnic last Friday. They gathered on the school house ground and enjoyed a nice dinner.

Services at the Baptist church, at 11 a. m. and young people's meeting in the afternoon next Sunday. The preaching at night will be suspended in favor of the revival meeting at the C. P. church.

E. W. Kirkpatrick, our popular nurseryman, called on us Saturday, and made us smile with a quantity of fine large straw-berries, raised on his fruit farm near the city. These were the first home grown straw-berries we've had this year, and they tasted splendid. Thanks for them.

J. P. Hunter, one of the leading Alliance men of the Sister Grove neighborhood called on us Monday and cashed up for The DEMOCRAT. and by his influence succeeded in getting several new subscribers. He reports everything lovely in his neighborhood, and says prospects for a beautiful crop was never better.

My friend, look! you know how weak and nervous your wife is, and you know that Carter's Iron Pills will relieve her now why not be fair about it and buy her a box?

☞The Nickle Store wants you to visit them.

☞Fruit jars both Mansons and Standard, at

J. P. DOWELL'S

☞Straw hats, straw hats, straw hats, at

WISEMAN'S

☞Forty different styles of rocking chairs at Nale & Dies'.

☞Come to the Nickle Store and purchase your notions.

☞Refrigerators, ice cream freezers, at

J. P. DOWELL'S.

☞Go to Webb & Porter for hay, corn, oats, brand, etc

☞Bargains at the Nickle Store.

☞Iron and wood mantles grates, at

J. P. DOWELL'S.

☞Plenty of racket, at the Nickle Store.

☞Straw hats, straw hats, straw hats, at

WISEMAN'S.

☞See Webb & Porter for seed and feedstuff.

☞Go to Nale & Dies' for refrigerators.

☞Buy your wife one of those Gasoline stoves new process, at

J. P. DOWELL'S.

☞Straw hats, straw hats, straw hats, at

WISEMAN'S.

☞We exchange new for second-hand stoves. Two carloads of new stoves to select from. NALE & DIES.

☞Fine line of carpenters tools, at

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☞We are headquarters for queensware. Come and see. Nale & Dies, Northeast corner of the square.

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☞Nale & Dies will give you a complete house-keeping outfit for less money than any other house in North Texas. Northeast corner of square.

☞Cook stoves Superior and New Mohawk are the best and cheapest stoves made, at

J. P. DOWELL'S.

☞Webb & Porter can be found on East Louisiana street. Call and see them when you want anything in their line.

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WISEMAN'S.

☞Whifmans hay bailing press acknowledged to be the best.

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TO TRADE for a good single driver and saddle horse, some gilt edge, short time notes.
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☞We will give to all old subscribers, who pay up and one year in advance and to all new ones who pay one year in advance The American Farmer, a large 16 paged illustrated paper. Free.

You hardly realize that it is medicine when taking Carter's Little Liver Pills; they are very small; no bad effects; all troubles from torpid liver are relieved by their use.

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Keep on hand fresh drugs, patent medicines of all kinds Also toilet articles of any description; in fact, everything in the drug line. Call and see hem, east side of the square.

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Wanted—Good agents to sell our General line of merchandise. No peddling. Above salery paid to "live" agents.
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Many Persons are broken down from overwork or household cares. Brown's Iron Bitters Rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes excess of bile, and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

☞The Nickle Store is on the Post office street call in and see them.

FROM COPEVILLE.

COPEVILLE, MAY 4, 1891.

Editor Democrat.

To Uncle Mike: My dear uncle, in reference to the club meeting business you spoke of I was a member and one of the committee that drafted the anti-exofficio resolution, but mind you this was all done before any proposition was made for a compromise and I think before any apology was required by the so called straights. Now I am as much opposed to a third party, as you are. While I claim this split in Collin is merely a local fight among democrats an act of local grievences and those greivances are now of such a nature that we need no farther fighting in our local democratic party. We want no more party nominations; we want no propositions from either party to the other. Lay down the past, stop fussing in the convention and have a free for all race for offices and should any would-be leader undertake to re-kindle the old flames, let the people speak out as one man and say we want no more of your leadership. We are an independent voting people, we want officers elected by no faction but we want the people in one independent move to say who shall rule over us. Just so long my dear uncle, as we have this split we will have a court of prejudice instead of a court of justice. Had you ever thought of this?

Now in reference to a third party it seems to me Uncle Mike, that you occupy rather a peculiar position, from a correspondence of yours I quote. "We are opposed to a third party here at Lucas, unless Cleveland should be nominated as the standard bearer of the national democracy. In that instance many of our people would bolt the nationaldemocratic ticket." This may not be the exact words, but is the substance of your communication. I believe sir that the Alliance and all the other reformers should give the democratic party one more trial at least, if for no other reason, they should give them their support for their brave and gallant fight against the force bill, had it not been for the heros of our grand old democracy, we the people of the south would have been deprived of the glorious right of a free and independent suffrage. There is no doubt in my mind with one sturdy pull and no third party movement, that the democrats can elect the ir candidate. Who ever he may be, but lets not bolt because we can't get our choice on the ticket. I am for Cleveland, believing himtobethe mostavailable man for the position. Notwithstanding we may disagree with him on some things, yet his honesty of purpose makes me believe that he is the jona to lead the party to victory in 1892.

In conversation with one of the so-called straights a few days since, he was boasting of the defeat of Cole, of Dallas and Foote, of McKinney, and said he was glad that Conner and Bowlby were elected and I asked him the direct question, which he would support, Blaine or Cleveland, in case they should be the nominees of the two parties he answered he would vote for Blaine. This man has been one of the main workers for the straights in our county, claiming with the rest of the crowd that they were the only democratic party in Collin county. Such men are democrats for revenue only. I want no coalition with them unless it be a last resort. A free and independet move is what the people of our county want and sooner or later will have it.

In conclusion my dear Uncle allow me to congratulate you for the good and faithful work you have performed in the past, in the grand cause for justice and honest politics; and may your convictions become such as to constrain you to believe as I, that Cleveland and tariff reform should be the political watch guard of every true American citizen.

Mrs. Davis requests me to invite you and Mrs. Mike over to visit us. Hoping you will do so I am as ever for honest politics.

PETER I. DAVIS.

☞Old papers for sale at this office.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

White's Grove has been selected for the place of holding the Alliance camp-meeting. It is a splendid place and the people who attend will have every convsnience for themselves and their stock.

The Ladies Delighted.

The pleasant effect and perfect safety with which ladies may use the liquid fruit laxative, Syrup of Figs, under all conditions make it their favorite remedy. It is pleasing to the eye and to the taste, gently, yet effectual in acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels.

Bro. Thompson, of the Gazette called in Monday to see the Alliance gun.

Don't suffer from sick headache a moment longer. It is not necessary. Carter's Little Liver Pills will cure you. Dose, one little pill. Small price. Small dose. Small pill.

ATTENTION PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

The members of the committee on program for the Alliance camp-meeting, are urgently requested to meet at The DEMOCRAT office in McKinney, the last Saturday in May (the 30th) at 1 o'clock p. m.

The committee is composed of R. S. Sneed, chairman; E. W. Kirkpatrick, J. C. Denton, G. F. Albright, A. S. Graves, J. D. McElroy and J. O. Sutherland.

R. S. Sneed,
Chairman of committee.

AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR.

The DEMOCRAT was the recipient of a kind invitatio to attend a birth day dinner last Saturday, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Strickland, who lives about four miles Southeast of McKinney. Out of the thirty-two relatives, including grandchildren twenty-six were present. Among the invited guests we note: Ex-Governor Throckmorton, Mr. Francis Emerson, Rev. John McKinney, Todd Warden and E. H. Bennett.

The hour of dinner having arrived, the family and guests gathered around a large table laden with the richest viands.

Gov. Throckmorton in a happy style delivered an address in which he expressed joy that the host and hostess had reached a ripe old age and he hoped the closing scene of their lives' sunset would be grand—that passing to some farther shore, they will enter the realms of eternal bliss.

Rev. McKinney, invoked the blessing of the supreme, after which all enjoyed the delicious repast.

The evening having been spent surrounded by children, daughters, grand-children and a host of old and young friends, It appeared that rest was absolutely necessary, but such was not the fact, for lo! in the transition from day to night, when the old people had gave themselves up to peaceful slumber, forgetting the past it remained for the younger members of this happy household to awaken their aged father and mother by the gentle emotions of sweet music, after which a mid-night repast was served. When exhausted nature found repose amid pleasant dreams of the sweet-by-and-by.

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Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

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For Sale By E N McAULAY and Bro

G. W. Shaddox, of Parvin, Denton county, came in Tuesday and ordered The DEMOCRAT.

Miles' Nerve & Liver Pills.

Act on a new principle—regulating the liver, stomach and bowels through the nerves. A new discovery. Dr Miles' Pills speedly cure biliousness bad taste, torpid liver, piles, constipation. Unequal for men, women, children. Smallest mildest, surest! 50 doses, 25 cts. Sample Free, at Smith Bros. Drug Store.

Jas. Dorn, of Verona added his name to The DEMOCRAT list Monday.

Happy Hoosiers.

Wm. Timmons, postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicine combined, for that bad feeling arising from Kidney and Liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town says: Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c, a bottle, at E. N. McAuley's drug store.

J. H. Pelt, a young and prosperous farmer of Melissa neighborhood ordered The DEMOCRAT last Monday.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggerted Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking ten bottles, found herself sound and well, now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottle of this Great Discovery at E. N. McAuley's drug store, large bottles 50c, and $1.00.

In our report of the Collin county Alliance meeting we give the name of R. M. McDonald, as one of the committee on privileges, which should have been W. A. Holder.

Oh, what a Cough!

Will you heed the warning? The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease consumption. Ask yourself if you can afford for the sake of saving 50 cents to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's Cure will cure your cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a million bottles were sold the past year. It relieves croup and whooping cough at once. Mothers, do not be without it. For lame back, side or chest use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by Bristol Bros.

Collin county enjoyed a fine rain Monday morning.

Answer this Question.

Why do so many people we see around us seem to prefer to suffer and be made miserable by indigestion, constipation, dizziness, loss of appetite, coming up of the food, yellow skin, when for 75 cents we will sell them Shiloh's Vitalizer, guaranteed to cure them.—Bristol Bros.

J. B. Jett, made us a call Saturday, while attending the county Alliance.

In almost every neighborhood throughout the west there is some one or more persons whose lives have been saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, or who have been cured of chronic diarrhœa by it. Such persons take special pleasure in recommending the remedy to others. The praise that follows it's introduction and use makes it very popular. 25 and 50 cent botiles for sale by Bristol Bros.

Bristol Bros. the druggist desire us to publish the following testimonial as they handle the remedy and believe it to be reliable.

I bought a 50 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and applied it to my limbs, which have been afflicted with rheumatism at intervals for one year. At the time I bought the Pain Balm I was unable to walk. I can truthfully say that Pain Balm has completely cured me: R. H. FARR, Holywood, Kan. Mr. A. B. Cox, the leading druggist at Holywood, vouches for the truth of the above statement.

S. D. Canady, was in to see us Saturday.

The Greatest Strike.

Among the great strikes that of Dr. Miles in discovering his New Heart Cure has proved itself to be one of the most important. The demand for it as become astonishing. Already the treatment of heart disease is being revolutioniled, and many unexpected cures effected. It soon relieves short breath, fluttering, pains in side, arm, shoulder, weak and hungry spells, oppression, swelling of ankles, smothering and heart dropsy. Dr. Miles' book on Heart and Nervous Diseases, free. The unequaled New Heart Cure is sold and guaranteed by Smith Bros. sole agent, also his Restorative Nervine for headache, fits, sprees, hot flashes, nervous, chills opium habit, etc.

R. A. McLarry our assessor has nearly completed his work for this year.

Some of the Grand Army boys may be interested in the following from Alex. B. Pope, A. D. C. Commander, Dep't. Tenn and Ga. He says: "We have had an epidemic of whooping cough here, (Stewart, Tenn.) and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been the only medicine that has done any good." There is no danger from whooping cough, when this remedy is freely given. It completely controls the disease. 50 cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

Extensive preparatians are being made for the grand camp-meeting during July.

Women are not slow to comprehend. They're quick. They are alive and yet it was a man who discovered the one remedy for their peculiar ailments. That was Dr. Pierce.

The discovery was his "Favorite Prescription"—the boon to delicate woman. Why go round "with one foot in the grave, suffering in silence—misunderstood—when there's a remedy at hand that isn't an experiment, but which is sold under the guarantee that if you are disappointed in any way in it, you can get your money back by applying to its makers.

We can hardly imagine a woman's not trying it. Possibly it may be true of one or two—but we doubt it. Women are ripe for it. They must have it. Think of a prescription and nine out of ten waiting for it. Carry the news to them!

The seat of sick headache is not in the brain. Regulate the stomach and you cure it. Dr. Pierce's Pellets are the Little Regulators.

The county Alliance had a most harmonious meeting last Saturday, which was largely attended.

Will Be Given Away.

Our enterpriseing druggists Smith Beos., who carry the finest stock of drugs, perfumeries, toilet articles, brushes, sponges, etc, are giving away a large number of trial bottles of Dr. Miles' celebrated Restorative Nervine. They guarantee it to cure headache, dizziness, nervous prostration, sleeplessness, the ill effects of spirits, tobacco, coffee, etc. Druggists say it is the greatest seller they ever knew and is universally satisfactory. They also guarantee Dr. Miles New Heart Cure in all cases of nervous or organic heart disease, palpitation, pain in side, smothering, etc. Fine books on "Nervous and Heart Diseases" free.

☞Don't forget to see R M. Board, when you are in the city.

Mexican Mustang Liniment.

A Cure for the Ailments of Man and Beast.

A long-tested pain reliever.

Its use is almost universal by the Housewife, the Farmer, the Stock Raiser, and by every one requiring an effective liniment.

No other application compares with it in efficacy.

This well-known remedy has stood the test of years, almost generations.

No medicine chest is complete without a bottle of MUSTANG LINIMENT.

Occasions arise for its use almost every day.

All druggists and dealers have it.

METHODIST EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The exercises of this institution at the Methodist church last Sunday evenig were not only interesting but instructive also the address of Pres. Church on the life and character of John Wesley, was a decided success and gave universal satisfaction. The lecturer congratulated the Methodist church in that it was born in a university, and had for its founder one of the foremost, and one of the most scholarly men of his age, indeed of any age of the world. He thought it took rare worth, culture, firmness and great equipoise of faculties to found such a church at such a time and under such circumstances. Shut out of the churches, and having to preach in open air to motly multitudes, the chances for forming a great, a progressive church and a cultured one, were all against him. But for the remarkable endowments and attainments of this remarkable man, the church must of necessity have fallen to pieces of its own weight, and been consumed in the fires of fanaticism, yet how he under God succeeded, all the thinking world knows. The phenomenal success of the work of this man challenges the attention of the philosopher. Six millions of communicants testify of the character and value of the Wesleyan movement. Her colleges and her universities do flourish.

He called attention to the fact that men are to worship God with all the mind, and with all the soul. Head religion, heart religion, and conduct religion ought to meet and be inseperably joined in each individual worshiper. One of those is not enough; two of them will not suffice; it takes all three—a trinity of head, heart and conduct. In furtherence of this idea, he congratulated the church that the last general conference ordained the organization of the Epworth League. He consuled all the members of the church to be not only Methodist, but intelligent progressive and active Methodists; and so fulfill the law of Christ and the purposes God had in thrusting out the Wesleys.

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From Johnson School House.
MAY 4, 1891.

Editor of the Democrat

Health is good in this community.

Crops are looking well.

Bro. Philips started to Dallas the 2nd. We wish him success and hope the hand of providence will protect his family while he is absent.

We had preaching here last night with a good attendance. That's right boys and girls, help the good work along.

The Alliance is booming in these parts, we have a good lodge at Verona, all are as busy as bees and allow me to say the Alliance is at a point where it has got to be respected and the men on the fence are fast tumbling off, and the day is fast hastening when a reformation will take place

Success to The DEMOCRAT.

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J. L. Griffin, colored, (sin killer) preached to a large colored congregation Sunday last at the court house. He read the 3rd chapter of St. Matthew, subject: "Repentance." He said Moses brought 3,500,000 people out of Egypt with a stick, that the church of today needed liberty, that man must be born again and must have the love of God shed abroad in his heart, no matter whether he is a Baptist or Methodist.

A. N. Lewis, of Parker, an Alliance wheel horse of South Collin and an old reader of The DEMOCRAT called on us Monday.

YOUTH.

Why is it so many grow old too prematurely?

Said an old man: "If there is anything that will make an old man feel young it is Dr. John Bull's Sarsaparilla." Yes, there is a deal of buoyancy in a bottle of this excellent remedy, and if it was more generally used there would be fewer folks growing prematurely old. The healing and strengthening herbs that enter into its composition make it one of the finest rejuvenating medicines that can be compounded. Said a young wife, when asked how she managed to live so happily with

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her husband, who was quite an old man, "I keep him youthful by giving him Bull's Sarsaparilla." It is a good thing when a feeling of old age or decrepitude creeps into the system to rout it at once with Bull's Sarsaparilla. It makes the old feel young, and the young feel buoyant. "An active old lady said she "couldn't keep up long when her bottle of Bull's Sarsaparilla got empty." It's a good thing for old people. Everyone, young or old, should counteract the evil effects of nervousness, weakness, and debility by a use of Bull's Sarsaparilla. It keeps the system in fine condition. You will sleep better,

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HIS ASHES TO THE WIND.

STRANGE FUNERAL RITES OVER HENRY MEYER'S REMAINS.

He Was Incinerated to the Music of a Band—His Ashes Were Cast Into the Air from the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor—All as He Directed.

A little white cloud floated out from the head of the Statue of Liberty at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and in it disappeared in the four winds of heaven the remains of Henry Meyer, hotel keeper, of Staten Island.

To be buried in this singular, half cynical fashion in midair, as it were, was exactly as the dead man had often directed while he lived. As he had wished, his body was cremated, his handful of ashes was preserved in a box until the next Sunday should come, and then, with the popping of champagne bottles and expressions of good will, but no grief, was cast from the top of Liberty whenever it would go. In the clear sunshine of the beautiful day, looking no bigger and of no more importance than a puff of cigar smoke, the cloud hung for a moment under the lee of the statue. Then the sharp northwest wind caught it, whirled it instantly out of sight in the direction of the dead man's old home, and that was the last of the body of Henry Meyer.

A jovial though an odd soul, and a hotel keeper for thirty years at Port Richmond, Mr. Meyer was well known to every Staten Islander and a good many other people, too. From the name of his hotel he got to be called "Puck" Meyer, so that his real first name was generally forgotten. He was a skeptic, a socialist, a strenuous advocate of cremation, a pretty good liver and a man of great popularity in spite of a thousand peculiarities which will be Staten Island folk lore for generations.

No one saw "Puck" die. He was found dead in his bed in the hotel on the morning of Feb. 14. His wife was the first to discover his death. As his will, made many years ago, directed, the body was taken to the Fresh Pond crematory, on Long Island, two days later and incinerated. A committee from the Staten Island Schuetzen corps, of which Meyers had been a member, accompanied the remains in three carriages, with a brass band.

The body was dressed in the blue uniform of the Schuetzen corps, and after it had been consumed the brass buttons and other pieces of metal which the fire had not destroyed were preserved as souvenirs. The ashes, weighing little more than three pounds, were of a whitish color and as feathery as cigar ashes. They were carefully placed in a round tin box and put in charge of First Lieut. Moritz Wegerle. Then, with the band playing a lively air, the party returned to Staten Island.

The special committee took the steamer Bay Ridge for Bedloe's Island.

To avoid curiosity Lieut. Wegerle had the tin box in a brown Gladstone bag. He swung this carelessly in his hand as the party climbed to the top of the pedestal. Then they went outside the statue on the stone platform surrounding it, and there the bag was opened and the master of ceremonies disclosed four brown paper bags, each containing an equal amount of Meyer's ashes. There was a spoonful or two left in the bottom of the case, which were saved for "Puck's" married sister on Staten Island at her request.

As he handed around the bags Mr. Rinschler made this speech:

"Here are the ashes of old 'Puck' Meyer. He was a good man, beloved by all. I never knew of any wrong thing he ever did."

Each man that got a bag stuck it into his pocket. Then the party proceeded to climb the winding stairs to Liberty's head. Their movements, however, had been observed by Watchman Horn, and as they began the ascent he called out: "What have you got there? 'Puck' Meyer?"

Consternation was depicted on every face until Horn shouted again: "It's all right. Go ahead. You can come up!" Up they went accordingly, but in one of the sharp turns Capt. Fink who is a portly man, got hopelessly stuck. He handed his bag of ashes to Mr. Boehe and went back to the pedestal. It had been intended to throw the ashes from the torch, but that was impossible. They had forgotten the necessary formality of the special permit.

Each man took his station therefore in the head corresponding to the points of the compass, and as each bag was emptied the members cried, "Here goes the ashes of 'Puck' Meyer. Happy days!"

"Happy days to old 'Puck' Meyer," said Mr. Rinschler.

"He was a good fellow," remarked Lieut. Wegerle.

"You're right he was," said the others altogether, according to the prearranged formula.

"Do you believe in the resurrection?" asked one of the committee of a brother member as they boarded the 5 o'clock boat.

"Well, I guess there's something in it," said the brother laconically.

"Then all I've got to say is that 'Puck' Meyer will find a hard job pulling himself together when that day comes."

Meyer was 56 years old and came to this country from Hamburg about thirty-five years ago. He was one of the first volunteers from Staten Island on the northern side during the rebellion. He served through the war and got a wound in his left leg in a skirmish in Tennessee. He refused to let the surgeons amputate his limb, although they said he couldn't live unless he did, and brought the leg and the rest of his body home safe and sound at the end of the war. He never wore an overcoat, always wore a silk hat the year round and always carried a cane. The Staten Island children almost worshiped him.

Meyer provided in his will that his friends should have a champagne supper after scattering his ashes, but it was found that no money remained for this. In fact, the man died a bankrupt. His place at Port Richmond was sold under foreclosure the day after he died. He left one child, a son 3 years old, by his present wife. His life was a fast and a merry one, and his friends hardly knew whether to laugh or cry over his memory. —New York Herald.

A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE.

The one thing in the world that is constant, the one peak the rise above all clouds, the one window in which the light forever burns, the one star that darkness cannot quench, is woman's love. It arises to the greatest heights, it sinks to the lowest depths, it forgives the most cruel injuries. It is perennial of life, and grows in every clime. Neither coldness nor neglect, harshness nor cruelty, can extinguish it. A woman's love is the perfume of heart. This is the real love that subdues the earth; the love that has wrought all miracles in art, that gives us music all the way from the cradle song to the grand symphony that bears the soul away on wings of fire. A love that is greater than power, stweeter than life and stronger than death."—Ingersoll.

Sensible Work for Children.

Mrs. Quincy Shaw and some of the members of her admirable staff have set on foot a new arrangement, for which hundreds of boys and girls will bless her. In College place and at the day nursery in Albany street, after the kindergarten children have left, the tables are cleared and the rooms are transformed into reading rooms. From 4 to 6 o'clock little boys and girls may attend together. From 6 to 7 the rooms are closed while the children are at supper, and then from 7 until 9 the children of the neighborhood come in to read. For this purpose a small selection of books has been carefully made, and the intelligent lady in charge furnishes to each boy or girl the book which is to be used that evening.

The teacher in charge begins each evening by a general reading, which is always heard with interest. After fifteen minutes spent in this way, each child takes the seat provided at the table, and in a well lighted, well warmed, comfortable room spends the evening in reading something which is profitable. Nothing can be prettier than the sight of a body of children, who would be in great danger of falling into much more careless ways of spending the evening, if so good a provision were not made for them. At Cottage Place the attendance every day is more than one hundred.—Boston Commonwealth.

Mexican Custom Houses.

For the commerce and trade of Mexico there are thirty-eight custom houses in that country, nine of which are on the gulf, one on the Guatemala frontier, fifteen on the Pacific coast, and thirteen on the frontier of the United States. Matamoras was at one time a large commercial port, but American railroads to the upper border towns have deprived it of the greater bulk of its trade, although the country around is settled up and the soil is exceptionally fertile.

Vera Cruz just about beat Progreso in its maritime business in 1890. From Progreso the principal product exported to the United States is hennequen fiber, a variety of hemp. Of the ports on the Pacific coast Mazatlan is the most important, having a population of 14,000, and being the distributing point for the greater parts of the state of Sinaloa. The Mexican Naval Bureau of the Pacific is located at this point, and also a branch of the Mexican signal service. The custom house returns show a constantly better development, especially on the frontier line between the United States and Mexico.—Mexico Moderno.

Modification of Passport System.

The obnoxious passport system in Alsace-Lorraine seems likely to be modified at last, after two years' vexations. Probably foreigners will be required to notify the authorities of each place of their arrival and stopping place, and obtain a card authorizing their sojourn if they propose any lengthened stay—a plan already adopted in France and Switzerland. When the foreigner removes to another town or village this card must receive a fresh official visa, and after two months' stay in one place the card will be replaced by a regular permit of residence. Foreigners only passing through can make the declaration through the hotel keepers. After a short trial of this system passports may probably disappear altogether.—London Graphic.

Destitution Among Laborers.

It is reported here that the people along the line of the Kentucky Union railway, above Clay City, are almost in a destitute condition. Last summer these people were working on the railroad and failed to cultivate the usual crops consequently they have no provender to feed their stock. The railroad has run short of funds and their wages have not been paid; consequently they have no money. A gentleman who had recently been in the mountains along the line of the Kentucky Union told us a few days ago that he saw ten yokes of oxen sold under an execution for $105, the oxen bringing only $5.25 per head. He says that the stock all through the country is actually starving.—Winchester (Ky.) Sun.

The Newsboy's Last Question.

"Oh, mister, am I dead?" This was the plaintive query of George Monelle, a newsboy, 14 years old, as he ran into a saloon on the northeast corner of Main and Houston streets. With a more definite response than his hearers could give dead answered the question in a few minutes. The poor boy was dead. He had just been accidentally shot with a target rifle in the hands of another newsboy known as Pat. The ball entered the front of the neck a little to the right of a medial line and ranged downward, lodging in his body.—Dallas (Tex.) News.

Bull in Harness.

A peculiar working team seen frequently in the south part of the city consists of a Jersey bull harnessed into the shafts of an ordinary side draught sled, with short yoke tugs and breeching—quite after the style of harnessing a horse, with the exception of the yoke. The bull is driven with a pair of reins fastened to a ring or strap upon his nose. He walks along much faster than the ordinary horse, and draws his load in a cheerful and easy manner.—Keene (N. H.) Sentinel.

Dr. Albert Shaw, whom Mr. Stead has appointed American editor of The Review of Reviews, is not yet 40, but he has already made an enviable name for himself as a sociologist. He is an authority on the subject of municipal government.

The lecture and literary fields seem to open to Senator Ingalls as the present term of his political life closes. He has received lucrative offers for a book covering his experiences in congress and for a series of lectures on some popular topic.

Meissonier had an abiding hatred for Americans. Though they bought his pictures with a generous hand and paid excessive prices for them his detestation was bitter and outspoken.

WOMAN'S WORLD.

MRS. FRANK LESLIE'S SCHEME TO HELP WOMEN WHO NEED IT.

The Time to Be Careful—In a Good Work. Poor Anna Dickinson—A Costly Dress. Dinner Table Novelties—The Lukewarm Bath—She Wants an Asp.

As the immortal Lydia Pinkham of the perennial smile says, "Woman sympathizes with woman," and it is doubtless this tender feeling which has induced Mrs. Frank Leslie to make a will bequeathing a large portion of her fortune for the purpose of founding an institution for her poorer sisters.

"I have not yet decided exactly what form my woman's institute shall take," she says. "I want to supply that lack in woman's life which is so large a factor in the life of a man—the ability to get the best facilities for improvement, relaxation and home life at cost price. Perhaps I want my woman's institute to be a woman's club, where my artist women can have their studios and my literary women the very best of instruction and companionship."

This is a very laudable scheme, but it has its dangers. Philanthropy on so large a scale needs the shrewdest management to be made successful. Mrs. Leslie should remember the terrible failure of A. T. Stewart's post mortem generosity to the working women and profit by it. If her scheme takes the shape of an institution to help young women who are artists it will be of great assistance to a class of persons whose opportunities for study are in this country comparatively small.

Women artists need help much more than literary women, for the latter have plenty of opportunities for self improvement now, and for the exercise of their craft the newspapers offer them chances which they never before have enjoyed. However, any plan which tends to make the condition of women in cities easier than it is at present is to be commended, for their lot at present, though much better than it was fifty years ago, is by no means an ideal one.—New York Telegram.

The Time to Be Careful.

Now is the season above all others for mothers carefully to watch their flock—especially the older children, who have had a winter of study and necessarily curtailed exercise; the boys and girls who have had their brains worked while their bodies have remained comparatively inactive all through the winter. Spring examinations, too, are before many a young student, just at the time when they feel the greatest lassitude and disinclination for work. "How I wish I could take them all out of school for a few weeks," said an anxious mother the other day, noting the pale faces and lessening appetites of her children. "We all had to go through it," said the more philosophic parent. "I expect they can stand it—they will have to be educated like every one else."

And that is just the hard part of it in this world! The battle is to the strongest—nothing stops; a week of absence from school or college means harder work later on. Therefore, unless the need is urgent, we cannot take our children out of the treadmill of daily work; but it behooves us to be all the more careful to watch their diet, to see that they have sleep enough and exercise enough, and, if necessary, to give them some tonic adapted to their constitutions and needs.

In old days and even now, probably, in old fashioned families, the inevitable pitcher of bitters appeared every spring on the sideboard, to be partaken of generally by the whole family. Home made and brewed fresh every day, it was to be taken cold, with a little sugar to sweeten it if desired; the ingredients were different, according to the favorite recipe of the house mother, but all excellent and, as the old ladies used to say, "Good for spring sinkin'; and a clearin' of the blood."—New York Tribune.

In a Good Work.

Five years ago a little company of working girls met to talk together of something to brighten the lives of working women. The anniversary of that meeting was held in a club house belonging to a society of working women. The second anniversary was celebrated by a convention of the different clubs formed on the original plan of the first society. The third anniversary united in an association of these working girls' clubs. The fourth celebration of the day convened hundreds of delegates from different states and cities where similar clubs had been formed and united in association.

The latest step is the organization for the purpose of raising and managing a fund known as "The mutual benefit fund of the New York Association of Working Girls' societies," the object of which is to provide for its members in case of illness or death. Any working girl who is a member in good standing of one of the clubs in the New York association is entitled to membership in the new society, and by paying the small dues of twenty-five cents a month will receive in case of sickness $5 each week until her recovery, and $30 in case of her death shall be paid to her surviving relatives.

The officers of this society are Mrs. Gaspar Griswold, president; Mrs. H. Ollesheimer, vice president; Miss Potter, general secretary, and Miss Virginia Furman, general treasurer. There is also a board of managers consisting of representatives appointed from the different clubs, one representative for each twenty members, and the general officers, who have entire control of all the affairs of the society, the supervision of the fund and the payment of its benefits. Like all the working girls' societies, this new society is in no sense a charitable one, but managed on the co-operative plan entirely.—New York World.

Poor Anna Dickinson.

"There is an impression abroad," said a well known lyceum manager who has directed the lecture tours of some of the most celebrated men and women of the

The Whip Dance.

Indians frequently, after engaging in the whip dance, vow that they will never more submit to the ordeal, and mutually assure each other that their skins have been made to suffer for the last time. But an irresistible longing soon seizes them to again realize the fearful joy of indulging in the "sport," and the result is that the dance continues as fashionable as ever. The young men of the tribe then, having put on all the finery they are able to muster, arm themselves with the terrible maquarri—a peculiar whip from which the dance derives its name. This whip is about five feet in length and is manufactured of a strong grass fiber native to the district, bound around spirally with a strip of thin cane. In the hands of a muscular Waran it is capable of inflicting a wound very little less severe than that which would be produced by the downward blow of a knife.

When the dance is about to commence the performers ran e themselves opposite one another, waving their whips in the air and giving utterance to cries resembling the notes of birds. Suddenly one of them stops, and poising himself on one leg stretches out the other, remaining perfectly motionless. The other stops, too, measures the distance carefully with his eye, springs high in the air to give force to the blow, and, wish! down comes the heavy whip with a fearful smack upon his opponent's outstretched limb, and a red gash marks where the keen thong has curled round his calf or ankle.

The recipient of the blow utters never a sound, but, smiling as cheerfully as possible under the circumstances, again takes up the dance until it is the turn of the other player to stand still and receive his punishment, which, we may depend upon it, is usually returned with as good a will as it was given.—San Francisco Examiner.

Some Rare Old Instruments.

Mr. Steinert, of this city, has added to his rare collection of musical instruments a viola de Gamba, which is probably the only one in playable condition in this country. It is in excellent preservation, and its present owner thinks that none can be found in Europe in such fine condition.

The first instrument has a straight back and the top is of a conical shape similar to the bass viol of the present day, and not rounded as the violoncello. The scroll is an artistic piece of carving made to represent the griffin of ancient mythology and is of brazed wood. Ivory squares are set in the finger board instead of raised brass frets, and accurately designate the fingering places. It is keyed for five strings, while all bow instruments of the present age have but four.

This valuable treasure of Mr. Steinert was found in a monastery in Berlin, in connection with a viola d'Amore, by a German citizen. He brought it to this country about thirty years ago and kept it until purchased by Mr. Steinert. Although there was nothing about it to show the date of its make, its construction indicates that it was made some time during the Fifteenth century.—New Haven Union.

What Keeps the Bicycler Upright?

Let us suppose a cyclist mounted on his wheel and riding, say, toward the north. He finds himself beginning to tilt toward his right. He is now going not only north with the machine, but east also. He turns the wheel eastward. The point of support must of necessity travel in the plane of the wheel. Hence it at once begins to go eastward, and as it moves much faster than the rider tilts it quickly gets under him, and the machine is again upright. To one standing at a distance in front or rear the bottom of the wheel will be seen to move to the right and left.

I conclude, then, that the stability of the bicycle is due to turning the wheel to the right or left, whichever way the leaning is, and thus keeping the point of support under the rider, just as a boy keeps upright on his finger a broomstick standing on its smallest end.—Charles B. Warring in Popular Science Monthly.

Begged John's Pardon.

At the Old Bailey it was customary to sentence the whole of the prisoners found guilty at the sessions at one time. It fell to Baron Graham's lot to perform this duty, and he accordingly went over the list with due solemnity, but omitted one person brought up for sentence—Mr. John Jones. The judge was on the point of finishing the sentences, when the officer reminded his lordship of this omission. Whereupon the judge said gravely, "Oh! I am sure I beg John Jones' pardon," and then sentenced him to transportation for life.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Slang and Simile.

Will some one kindly point out where metaphor and simile leave off and where slang begins? There are many expressions about which sometimes cause cultured people to turn up their noses or raise their eyebrows, and yet they are to be found in the Bible, in Shakespeare and in other excellent places, while there are about as many expressions which people use with a great deal of revgrence, thinking that they come from the Bible, which really are to be found only in such works as Sterne's "Sentimental Journey Through Italy."—New York Continent.

Unsuccessful.

Cholly—What's—aw—the mattah—aw—with Sissy Downy? He—aw—looks vewy much dejected, y' know.

Gussie—Ya-as; Sissy, don't y' know, applied for membership in Sorosis, deah boy, but they actually wouldn't have him, y' know. Said he was too effeminate, bai Jove!—Judge.

A Pleasant Surprise.

Detective—Is this Mr. Hardup?

Hardup (uneasily)—Yes, but I'm very busy and can't talk to you. Call again.

Detective—I have a warrant for your arrest.

Hardup (relieved)—Oh! I thought you had a bill.—Munsey's Weekly.

A WOMAN'S BUSINESS DRESS.

Editor Mary F. Seymour's Idea of a Costume That Any Woman Could Wear.

The resolution in regard to suggestions for a business costume for women, adopted by the recent national council of women at Washington, has created a deal of discussion among women in all parts of the country.

Miss Mary F. Seymour, editor of The Business Woman's Journal, in an interview with a reporter of the New York Sun, expressed herself on the subject as follows:

"Laying aside the question whether such a costume would be advisable or not, there is no doubt that women who are engaged in business are greatly hampered by the style of dress now in vogue. It takes twice as much exertion in a woman to walk as in a man, and you know when women are compelled to work for their living they cannot afford to expend their strength recklessly. The greatest difficulty which business women have today is to select the right kind of dress. Now my suggestion would be, in the first place, to wear a short skirt, one that would reach to the tops of the shoes. One of the greatest drawbacks of the long skirt which business women wear at present, next to its weight and clumsiness, is its tendency to drag in and catch hold of the mud in the streets and the dust on the floor. The short skirt would do away with this.

"A woman with both arms full of papers or packages could step boldly across a street, no matter how wet or dirty it might be, without being compelled to stop, transfer her burden to one arm, or hold some of it between her teeth in order to lift her skirts. This skirt should not be of heavy material; cashmere or silk is preferable to heavy woolen goods. The weight of heavy garments, distributed as it is in the skirts of woman's dress today, exhausts the vitality. Instead of having the many underskirts women are wont to have, I would suggest heavy Turkish trousers. These would be a great deal lighter than the number of skirts which would be necessary to give the same warmth, and, besides, would leave the limbs free to move. The skirt would then do nothing but conceal these trousers.

"The objection will probably be raised that such a short skirt will expose the feet in an undesirable way. It is true that women have big feet, and nothing makes them look bigger than a skirt which exposes the entire shoe and nothing more. To remedy this I would suggest that fancy leggings be worn, which extend from just above the toes to three or four inches above the shoe tops. These would conceal the line between the shoe and the stocking, and, besides having a pretty effect, would make the foot look smaller than it really is.

"So much for the lower part. The waist should be as simple and as comfortable as the dressmaker's skill can make it. I once designed a dress for myself which embodied all my ideas of comfort and convenience. The waist consisted of a jacket and a vest in one piece. The jacket was in reality nothing but two long lapels which covered a part of the body of the waist. In the vest were four pockets arranged just as they are in a man's waistcoat, two in the upper and two in the lower part. On the outside of the two lapels were two pockets similar to those on a man's coat. In the back drapery were inserted two oblong pockets, the openings of which were drawn together by elastic cord. Under one of the panels, on the right and the left sides, I had long pockets."

The reporter next asked Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake what she thought of the idea of a business woman's costume.

"I think," she said, "that one of the greatest strains that business women could put themselves under would be to dress out of the fashion of the day. I shrink from any suggestion of a dress for women that would make the wearer conspicuous and an object of ridicule. Business women, more than all others, are dependent upon the favor of the public, and for them to wear a garment that would make them ridiculous would be almost suicidal.

"I believe that comfortable dresses can be made within the lines of fashion. They should be perfectly loose and easy, and not too long—three or four inches above the ground would be plenty. The most disagreeable and uncomfortable part of a woman's dress is the band around the waist. This can be obviated in a degree by wearing the waist and the skirt of one piece. That is, the lining of the dress is all one piece, and the drapery is put on that according to the fashion of the day or the taste of the wearer."

Mrs. Roscoe Conkling.

The reappearance of Mrs. Roscoe Conkling on the streets of New York brings back to the thousands of friends of her lamented husband, who were familiar with her face only at rare intervals, recollections of her earlier beauty. Mrs. Conkling must be more than sixty now. She is unusually tall looking, being so erect, and in her mourning garments seems actually taller than her real height, which can't be less than 5 feet 6. Her eyes are blue and her features finely chiselled. Seen side by side with Mrs. Grant, the contrast between her stately proportions and the shorter, stouter figure of her companion, whose complexion is much darker, is noticeable. Mrs. Conkling's married daughter, Mrs. Oakman, was the companion of these two ladies on their visit to the Conkling painting in the Hoffman House.—New York World.

The Chatelaine Bouquet.

The chatelaine bouquet is quite the rage. It is long stemmed and is suspended from the waist by a chatelaine of handsome ribbon, and usually consists of roses and foliage or carnations and lilies of the valley. The chatelaine bouquet is, however, appropriate only with bridal or dancing toilets.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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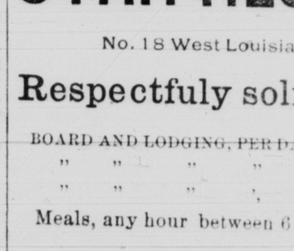

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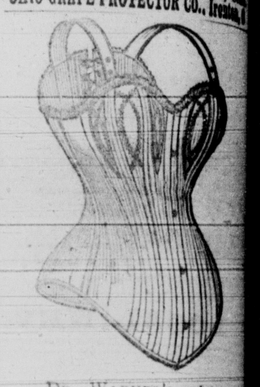

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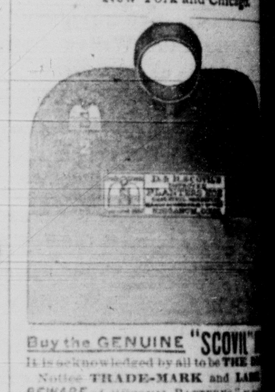

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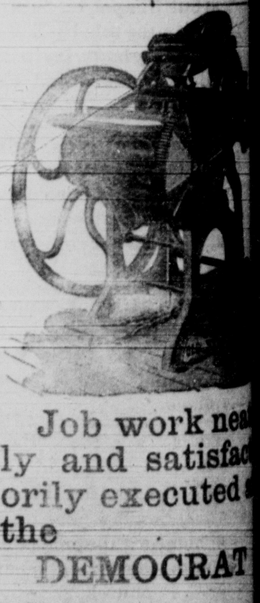

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HIS ASHES TO THE WIND.

STRANGE FUNERAL RITES OVER HENRY MEYER'S REMAINS.

He Was Incinerated to the Music of a Band—His Ashes Were Cast Into the Air from the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor—All as He Directed.

A little white cloud floated out from the head of the Statue of Liberty at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and in it disappeared in the four winds of heaven the remains of Henry Meyer, hotel keeper, of Staten Island.

To be buried in this singular, half cynical fashion in midair, as it were, was exactly as the dead man had often directed while he lived. As he had wished, his body was cremated, his handful of ashes was preserved in a box until the next Sunday should come, and then, with the popping of champagne bottles and expressions of good will, but no grief, was cast from the top of Liberty whenever it would go. In the clear sunshine of the beautiful day, looking no bigger and of no more importance than a puff of cigar smoke, the cloud hung for a moment under the lee of the statue. Then the sharp northwest wind caught it, whirled it instantly out of sight in the direction of the dead man's old home, and that was the last of the body of Henry Meyer.

A jovial though an odd soul, and a hotel keeper for thirty years at Port Richmond, Mr. Meyer was well known to every Staten Islander and a good many other people, too. From the name of his hotel he got to be called "Puck" Meyer, so that his real first name was generally forgotten. He was a skeptic, a socialist, a strenuous advocate of cremation, a pretty good liver and a man of great popularity in spite of a thousand peculiarities which will be Staten Island folk lore for generations.

No one saw "Puck" die. He was found dead in his bed in the hotel on the morning of Feb. 14. His wife was the first to discover his death. As his will, made many years ago, directed, the body was taken to the Fresh Pond crematory, on Long Island, two days later and incinerated. A committee from the Staten Island Schuetzen corps, of which Meyers had been a member, accompanied the remains in three carriages, with a brass band.

The body was dressed in the blue uniform of the Schuetzen corps, and after it had been consumed the brass buttons and other pieces of metal which the fire had not destroyed were preserved as souvenirs. The ashes, weighing little more than three pounds, were of a whitish color and as feathery as cigar ashes. They were carefully placed in a round tin box and put in charge of First Lieut. Moritz Wegerle. Then, with the band playing a lively air, the party returned to Staten Island.

The special committee took the steamer Bay Ridge for Bedloe's Island.

To avoid curiosity Lieut. Wegerle had the tin box in a brown Gladstone bag. He swung this carelessly in his hand as the party climbed to the top of the pedestal. Then they went outside the statue on the stone platform surrounding it, and there the bag was opened and the master of ceremonies disclosed four brown paper bags, each containing an equal amount of Meyer's ashes. There was a spoonful or two left in the bottom of the case, which were saved for "Puck's" married sister on Staten Island at her request.

As he handed around the bags Mr. Rinschler made this speech:

"Here are the ashes of old 'Puck' Meyer. He was a good man, beloved by all. I never knew of any wrong thing he ever did."

Each man that got a bag stuck it into his pocket. Then the party proceeded to climb the winding stairs to Liberty's head. Their movements, however, had been observed by Watchman Horn, and as they began the ascent he called out: "What have you got there? 'Puck' Meyer?"

Consternation was depicted on every face until Horn shouted again: "It's all right. Go ahead. You can come up!" Up they went accordingly, but in one of the sharp turns Capt. Fink who is a portly man, got hopelessly stuck. He handed his bag of ashes to Mr. Boehe and went back to the pedestal. It had been intended to throw the ashes from the torch, but that was impossible. They had forgotten the necessary formality of the special permit.

Each man took his station therefore in the head corresponding to the points of the compass, and as each bag was emptied the members cried, "Here goes the ashes of 'Puck' Meyer. Happy days!"

"Happy days to old 'Puck' Meyer," said Mr. Rinschler.

"He was a good fellow," remarked Lieut. Wegerle.

"You're right he was," said the others altogether, according to the prearranged formula.

"Do you believe in the resurrection?" asked one of the committee of a brother member as they boarded the 5 o'clock boat.

"Well, I guess there's something in it," said the brother laconically.

"Then all I've got to say is that 'Puck' Meyer will find a hard job pulling himself together when that day comes."

Meyer was 56 years old and came to this country from Hamburg about thirty-five years ago. He was one of the first volunteers from Staten Island on the northern side during the rebellion. He served through the war and got a wound in his left leg in a skirmish in Tennessee. He refused to let the surgeons amputate his limb, although they said he couldn't live unless he did, and brought the leg and the rest of his body home safe and sound at the end of the war. He never wore an overcoat, always wore a silk hat the year round and always carried a cane. The Staten Island children almost worshiped him.

Meyer provided in his will that his friends should have a champagne supper after scattering his ashes, but it was found that no money remained for this. In fact, the man died a bankrupt. His place at Port Richmond was sold under foreclosure the day after he died. He left one child, a son 3 years old, by his present wife. His life was a fast and a merry one, and his friends hardly knew whether to laugh or cry over his memory. —New York Herald.

A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE.

The one thing in the world that is constant, the one peak the rise above all clouds, the one window in which the light forever burns, the one star that darkness cannot quench, is woman's love. It arises to the greatest heights, it sinks to the lowest depths, it forgives the most cruel injuries. It is perennial of life, and grows in every clime. Neither coldness nor neglect, harshness nor cruelty, can extinguish it. A woman's love is the perfume of heart. This is the real love that subdues the earth; the love that has wrought all miracles in art, that gives us music all the way from the cradle song to the grand symphony that bears the soul away on wings of fire. A love that is greater than power, stweeter than life and stronger than death."—Ingersoll.

Sensible Work for Children.

Mrs. Quincy Shaw and some of the members of her admirable staff have set on foot a new arrangement, for which hundreds of boys and girls will bless her. In College place and at the day nursery in Albany street, after the kindergarten children have left, the tables are cleared and the rooms are transformed into reading rooms. From 4 to 6 o'clock little boys and girls may attend together. From 6 to 7 the rooms are closed while the children are at supper, and then from 7 until 9 the children of the neighborhood come in to read. For this purpose a small selection of books has been carefully made, and the intelligent lady in charge furnishes to each boy or girl the book which is to be used that evening.

The teacher in charge begins each evening by a general reading, which is always heard with interest. After fifteen minutes spent in this way, each child takes the seat provided at the table, and in a well lighted, well warmed, comfortable room spends the evening in reading something which is profitable. Nothing can be prettier than the sight of a body of children, who would be in great danger of falling into much more careless ways of spending the evening, if so good a provision were not made for them. At Cottage Place the attendance every day is more than one hundred.—Boston Commonwealth.

Mexican Custom Houses.

For the commerce and trade of Mexico there are thirty-eight custom houses in that country, nine of which are on the gulf, one on the Guatemala frontier, fifteen on the Pacific coast, and thirteen on the frontier of the United States. Matamoras was at one time a large commercial port, but American railroads to the upper border towns have deprived it of the greater bulk of its trade, although the country around is settled up and the soil is exceptionally fertile.

Vera Cruz just about beat Progreso in its maritime business in 1890. From Progreso the principal product exported to the United States is henequen fiber, a variety of hemp. Of the ports on the Pacific coast Mazatlan is the most important, having a population of 14,000, and being the distributing point for the greater parts of the state of Sinaloa. The Mexican Naval Bureau of the Pacific is located at this point, and also a branch of the Mexican signal service. The custom house returns show a constantly better development, especially on the frontier line between the United States and Mexico.—Mexico Moderno.

Modification of Passport System.

The obnoxious passport system in Alsace-Lorraine seems likely to be modified at last, after two years' vexations. Probably foreigners will be required to notify the authorities of each place of their arrival and stopping place, and obtain a card authorizing their sojourn if they propose any lengthened stay—a plan already adopted in France and Switzerland. When the foreigner removes to another town or village this card must receive a fresh official visa, and after two months' stay in one place the card will be replaced by a regular permit of residence. Foreigners only passing through can make the declaration through the hotel keepers. After a short trial of this system passports may probably disappear altogether.—London Graphic.

Destitution Among Laborers.

It is reported here that the people along the line of the Kentucky Union railway, above Clay City, are almost in a destitute condition. Last summer these people were working on the railroad and failed to cultivate the usual crops; consequently they have no provender to feed their stock. The railroad has run short of funds and their wages have not been paid; consequently they have no money. A gentleman who had recently been in the mountains along the line of the Kentucky Union told us a few days ago that he saw ten yokes of oxen sold under an execution for $105, the oxen bringing only $5.25 per head. He says that the stock all through the country is actually starving.—Winchester (Ky.) Sun.

The Newsboy's Last Question.

"Oh, mister, am I dead?" This was the plaintive query of George Monelle, a newsboy, 14 years old, as he ran into a saloon on the northeast corner of Main and Houston streets. With a more definite response than his hearers could give death answered the question in a few minutes. The poor boy was dead. He had just been accidentally shot with a target rifle in the hands of another newsboy known as Pat. The ball entered the front of the neck a little to the right of a medial line and ranged downward, lodging in his body.—Dallas (Tex.) News.

Bull in Harness.

A peculiar working team seen frequently in the south part of the city consists of a Jersey bull harnessed into the shafts of an ordinary side draught sled, with short yoke tugs and breeching—quite after the style of harnessing a horse, with the exception of the yoke. The bull is driven with a pair of reins fastened to a ring or strap upon his nose. He walks along much faster than the ordinary horse, and draws his load in a cheerful and easy manner.—Keene (N. H.) Sentinel.

Dr. Albert Shaw, whom Mr. Stead has appointed American editor of The Review of Reviews, is not yet 40, but he has already made an enviable name for himself as a sociologist. He is an authority on the subject of municipal government.

The lecture and literary fields seem to open to Senator Ingalls as the present term of his political life closes. He has received lucrative offers for a book covering his experiences in congress and for a series of lectures on some popular topic.

Meissonier had an abiding hatred for Americans. Though they bought his pictures with a generous hand and paid excessive prices for them his detestation was bitter and outspoken.

WOMAN'S WORLD.

MRS. FRANK LESLIE'S SCHEME TO HELP WOMEN WHO NEED IT.

The Time to Be Careful—In a Good Work. Poor Anna Dickinson—A Costly Dress. Dinner Table Novelties—The Lukewarm Bath—She Wants an Asp.

As the immortal Lydia Pinkham of the perennial smile says, "Woman sympathizes with woman," and it is doubtless this tender feeling which has induced Mrs. Frank Leslie to make a will bequeathing a large portion of her fortune for the purpose of founding an institution for her poorer sisters.

"I have not yet decided exactly what form my woman's institute shall take," she says. "I want to supply that lack in woman's life which is so large a factor in the life of a man—the ability to get the best facilities for improvement, relaxation and home life at cost price. Perhaps I want my woman's institute to be a woman's club, where my artist women can have their studios and my literary women the very best of instruction and companionship."

This is a very laudable scheme, but it has its dangers. Philanthropy on so large a scale needs the shrewdest management to be made successful. Mrs. Leslie should remember the terrible failure of A. T. Stewart's post mortem generosity to the working women and profit by it. If her scheme takes the shape of an institution to help young women who are artists it will be of great assistance to a class of persons whose opportunities for study are in this country comparatively small.

Women artists need help much more than literary women, for the latter have plenty of opportunities for self improvement now, and for the exercise of their craft the newspapers offer them chances which they never before have enjoyed. However, any plan which tends to make the condition of women in cities easier than it is at present is to be commended, for their lot at present, though much better than it was fifty years ago, is by no means an ideal one.—New York Telegram.

The Time to Be Careful.

Now is the season above all others for mothers carefully to watch their flock—especially the older children, who have had a winter of study and necessarily curtailed exercise. The boys and girls who have had their brains worked while their bodies have remained comparatively inactive all through the winter. Spring examinations, too, are before many a young student, just at the time when they feel the greatest lassitude and disinclination for work. "How I wish I could take them all out of school for a few weeks," said an anxious mother the other day, noting the pale faces and lessening appetites of her children. "We all had to go through it," said the more philosophic parent. "I expect they can stand it—they will have to be educated like every one else."

And that is just the hard part of it in this world! The battle is to the strongest—nothing stops; a week of absence from school or college means harder work later on. Therefore, unless the need is urgent, we cannot take our children out of the treadmill of daily work; but it behooves us to be all the more careful to watch their diet, to see that they have sleep enough and exercise enough, and, if necessary, to give them some tonic adapted to their constitutions and needs.

In old days and even now, probably, in old fashioned families, the inevitable pitcher of bitters appeared every spring on the sideboard, to be partaken of generally by the whole family. Home made and brewed fresh every day, it was to be taken cold, with a little sugar to sweeten it if desired; the ingredients were different, according to the favorite recipe of the house mother, but all excellent and, as the old ladies used to say, "Good for spring sinkin'; and a clearin' of the blood."—New York Tribune.

In a Good Work.

Five years ago a little company of working girls met to talk together of something to brighten the lives of working women. The anniversary of that meeting was held in a club house belonging to a society of working women. The second anniversary was celebrated by a convention of the different clubs formed on the original plan of the first society. The third anniversary united in an association of these working girls' clubs. The fourth celebration of the day convened hundreds of delegates from different states and cities where similar clubs had been formed and united in association.

The latest step is the organization for the purpose of raising and managing a fund known as "The mutual benefit fund of the New York Association of Working Girls' societies," the object of which is to provide for its members in case of illness or death. Any working girl who is a member in good standing of one of the clubs in the New York association is entitled to membership in the new society, and by paying the small dues of twenty-five cents a month will receive in case of sickness $5 each week until her recovery, and $30 in case of her death shall be paid to her surviving relatives.

The officers of this society are Mrs. Gaspar Griswold, president; Mrs. H. Ollesheimer, vice president; Miss Potter, general secretary, and Miss Virginia Furman, general treasurer. There is also a board of managers consisting of representatives appointed from the different clubs, one representative for each twenty members, and the general officers, who have entire control of all the affairs of the society, the supervision of the fund and the payment of its benefits. Like all the working girls' societies, this new society is in no sense a charitable one, but managed on the co-operative plan entirely.—New York World.

Poor Anna Dickinson.

"There is an impression abroad," said a well known lyceum manager who has directed the lecture tours of some of the most celebrated men and women of the

The Whip Dance.

Indians frequently, after engaging in the whip dance, vow that they will never more submit to the ordeal, and mutually assure each other that their skins have been made to suffer for the last time. But an irresistible longing soon seizes them to again realize the fearful joy of indulging in the "sport," and the result is that the dance continues as fashionable as ever. The young men of the tribe then, having put on all the finery they are able to muster, arm themselves with the terrible maquarri—a peculiar whip from which the dance derives its name. This whip is about five feet in length and is manufactured of a strong grass fiber native to the district, bound around spirally with a strip of thin cane. In the hands of a muscular Warau it is capable of inflicting a wound very little less severe than that which would be produced by the downward blow of a knife.

When the dance is about to commence the performers range themselves opposite one another, waving their whips in the air and giving utterance to cries resembling the notes of birds. Suddenly one of them stops, and poising himself on one leg stretches out the other, remaining perfectly motionless. The other stops, too, measures the distance carefully with his eye, springs high in the air to give force to the blow, and, wish! down comes the heavy whip with a fearful smack upon his opponent's outstretched limb, and a red gash marks where the keen thong has curled round his calf or ankle.

The recipient of the blow utters never a sound, but, smiling as cheerfully as possible under the circumstances, again takes up the dance until it is the turn of the other player to stand still and receive his punishment, which, we may depend upon it, is usually returned with as good a will as it was given.—San Francisco Examiner.

Some Rare Old Instruments.

Mr. Steinert, of this city, has added to his rare collection of musical instruments a viola de Gamba, which is probably the only one in playable condition in this country. It is in excellent preservation, and its present owner thinks that none can be found in Europe in such fine condition.

The first instrument has a straight back and the top is of a conical shape similar to the bass viol of the present day, and not rounded as the violoncello. The scroll is an artistic piece of carving made to represent the griffin of ancient mythology and is of brazed wood. Ivory squares are set in the finger board instead of raised brass frets, and accurately designate the fingering places. It is keyed for five strings, while all bow instruments of the present age have but four.

This valuable treasure of Mr. Steinert was found in a monastery in Berlin, in connection with a viola d'Amore, by a German citizen. He brought it to this country about thirty years ago and kept it until purchased by Mr. Steinert. Although there was nothing about it to show the date of its make, its construction indicates that it was made some time during the Fifteenth century.—New Haven Union.

What Keeps the Bicycler Upright?

Let us suppose a cyclist mounted on his wheel and riding, say, toward the north. He finds himself beginning to tilt toward his right. He is now going not only north with the machine, but east also. He turns the wheel eastward. The point of support must of necessity travel in the plane of the wheel. Hence it at once begins to go eastward, and as it moves much faster than the rider tilts it quickly gets under him, and the machine is again upright. To one standing at a distance in front or rear the bottom of the wheel will be seen to move to the right and left.

I conclude, then, that the stability of the bicycle is due to turning the wheel to the right or left, whichever way the leaning is, and thus keeping the point of support under the rider, just as a boy keeps upright on his finger a broomstick standing on its smallest end.—Charles B. Warring in Popular Science Monthly.

Begged John's Pardon.

At the Old Bailey it was customary to sentence the whole of the prisoners found guilty at the sessions at one time. It fell to Baron Graham's lot to perform this duty, and he accordingly went over the list with due solemnity, but omitted one person brought up for sentence—Mr. John Jones. The judge was on the point of finishing the sentences, when the officer reminded his lordship of this omission. Whereupon the judge said gravely, "Oh! I am sure I beg John Jones' pardon," and then sentenced him to transportation for life.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Slang and Simile.

Will some one kindly point out where metaphor and simile leave off and where slang begins? There are many expressions about which sometimes cause cultured people to turn up their noses or raise their eyebrows, and yet they are to be found in the Bible, in Shakespeare and in other excellent places, while there are about as many expressions which people use with a great deal of reverence, thinking that they come from the Bible, which really are to be found only in such works as Sterne's "Sentimental Journey Through Italy."—New York Continent.

Unsuccessful.

Cholly—What's—aw—the mattah—aw—with Sissy Downy? He—aw—looks vewy much dejected, y' know.

Gussie—Ya-as; Sissy, don't y' know, applied for membership in Sorosis, deah boy, but they actually wouldn't have him, y' know. Said he was too effeminate, bai Jove!—Judge.

A Pleasant Surprise.

Detective—Is this Mr. Hardup?

Hardup (uneasily)—Yes, but I'm very busy and can't talk to you. Call again.

Detective—I have a warrant for your arrest.

Hardup (relieved)—Oh! I thought you had a bill.—Munsey's Weekly.

A WOMAN'S BUSINESS DRESS.

Editor Mary F. Seymour's Idea of a Costume That Any Woman Could Wear.

The resolution in regard to suggestions for a business costume for women, adopted by the recent national council of women at Washington, has created a deal of discussion among women in all parts of the country.

Miss Mary F. Seymour, editor of The Business Woman's Journal, in an interview with a reporter of the New York Sun, expressed herself on the subject as follows:

"Laying aside the question whether such a costume would be advisable or not, there is no doubt that women who are engaged in business are greatly hampered by the style of dress now in vogue. It takes twice as much exertion in a woman to walk as in a man, and you know when women are compelled to work for their living they cannot afford to expend their strength recklessly. One greatest difficulty which business women have today is to select the right kind of dress. Now my suggestion would be, in the first place, to wear a short skirt, one that would reach to the tops of the shoes. One of the greatest drawbacks of the long skirt which business women wear at present, next to its weight and clumsiness, is its tendency to drag in and catch hold of the mud in the streets and the dust on the floor. The short skirt would do away with this.

"A woman with both arms full of papers or packages could step boldly across a street, no matter how wet or dirty it might be, without being compelled to stop, transfer her burden to one arm, or hold some of it between her teeth in order to lift her skirts. This skirt should not be of heavy material; cashmere or silk is preferable to heavy woolen goods. The weight of heavy garments, distributed as it is in the skirts of woman's dress today, exhausts the vitality. Instead of having the many underskirts women are wont to have, I would suggest heavy Turkish trousers. These would be a great deal lighter than the number of skirts which would be necessary to give the same warmth, and, besides, would leave the limbs free to move. The skirt would then do nothing but conceal these trousers.

"The objection will probably be raised that such a short skirt will expose the foot in an undesirable way. It is true that women have big feet, and nothing makes them look bigger than a skirt which exposes the entire shoe and nothing more. To remedy this I would suggest that fancy leggings be worn, which extend from just above the toes to three or four inches above the shoe tops. These would conceal the line between the shoe and the stocking, and, besides having a pretty effect, would make the foot look smaller than it really is.

"So much for the lower part. The waist should be as simple and as comfortable as the dressmaker's skill can make it. I once designed a dress for myself which embodied all my ideas of comfort and convenience. The waist consisted of a jacket and a vest in one piece. The jacket was in reality nothing but two long lapels which covered a part of the body of the waist. In the vest were four pockets arranged just as they are in a man's waistcoat, two in the upper and two in the lower part. On the outside of the two lapels were two pockets similar to those on a man's coat. In the back drapery were inserted two oblong pockets, the openings of which were drawn together by elastic cord. Under one of the panels, on the right and the left sides, I had long pockets."

The reporter next asked Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake what she thought of the idea of a business woman's costume.

"I think," she said, "that one of the greatest strains that business women could put themselves under would be to dress out of the fashion of the day. I shrink from any suggestion of a dress for women that would make the wearer conspicuous and an object of ridicule. Business women, more than all others, are dependent upon the favor of the public, and for them to wear a garment that would make them ridiculous would be almost suicidal.

"I believe that comfortable dresses can be made within the lines of fashion. They should be perfectly loose and easy, and not too long—three or four inches above the ground would be plenty. The most disagreeable and uncomfortable part of a woman's dress is the band around the waist. This can be obviated in a degree by wearing the waist and the skirt of one piece. That is, the lining of the dress is all one piece, and the drapery is put on that according to the fashion of the day or the taste of the wearer."

Mrs. Roscoe Conkling.

The reappearance of Mrs. Roscoe Conkling on the streets of New York brings back to the thousands of friends of her lamented husband, who were familiar with her face only at rare intervals, recollections of her earlier beauty. Mrs. Conkling must be more than sixty now. She is unusually tall looking, being so erect, and in her mourning garments seems actually taller than her real height, which can't be less than 5 feet 6. Her eyes are blue and her features finely chiselled. Seen side by side with Mrs. Grant, the contrast between her stately proportions and the shorter, stouter figure of her companion, whose complexion is much darker, is noticeable. Mrs. Conkling's married daughter, Mrs. Oakman, was the companion of these two ladies on their visit to the Conkling painting in the Hoffman House.—New York World.

The Chatelaine Bouquet.

The chatelaine bouquet is quite the rage. It is long stemmed and is suspended from the waist by a chatelaine of handsome ribbon, and usually consists of roses and foliage or carnations and lilies of the valley. The chatelaine bouquet is, however, appropriate only with bridal or dancing toilets.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

In England celery is much used as a last course at dinner, dipped in grated cheese—that is, the cheese is passed with it and the celery dipped as it is eaten.

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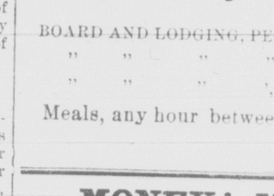

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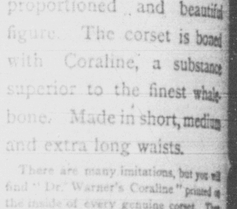

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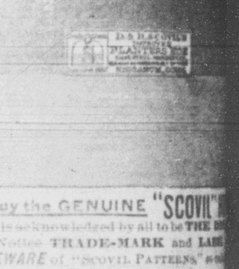

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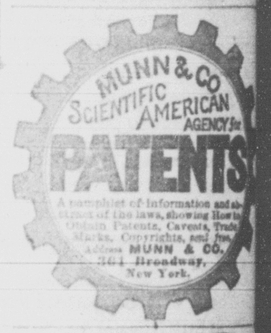

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